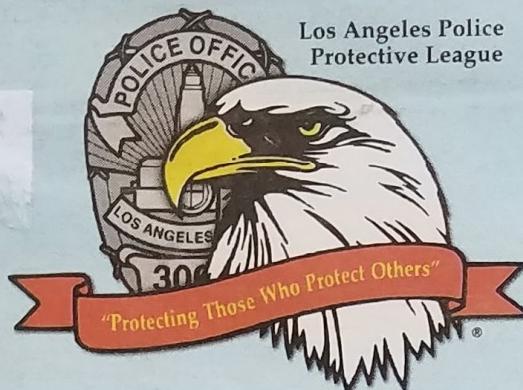


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Seven Los Angeles Police Officers Receive Medal of Valor

On Thursday, September 5, 2002, the Los Angeles Police Department, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsored the Medal of Valor Award Ceremony held at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

Since 1925, the Medal of Valor Award has been presented to men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department who have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism and bravery above and beyond the normal demands of police service. The Medal of Valor is the highest award the Department bestows upon its officers.

Actor Edward James Olmos narrated the heroic incidents while Chief Pomeroy decorated the recipients with the Medal of Valor.

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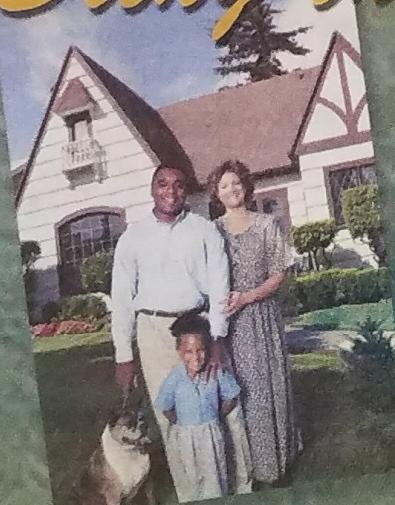
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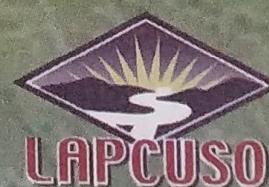
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MITZI GRASSO, PRESIDENT

Hail to the Chief

Former New York Police Commissioner William Bratton won the three-way race for Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department last month. Each of the three finalists for Chief exemplified qualities both the public and rank and file desire in a Chief.

Challenges lie ahead of Chief Bratton, not the least of which is a police force hampered by low morale. I am sure LAPD officers look forward to working with Chief Bratton to achieve in Los Angeles the same kind of decrease in crime and increase in morale he brought to the NYPD. I am heartened that in his first public comments, he put the well-being of his troops at the top of his agenda. I encourage you to join me in furthering our efforts to familiarize ourselves with his plans for the LAPD. Initial conversations with Chief Bratton demonstrate that he is truly interested in working with our membership in a collaborative and productive manner.

The Board emphasized the concerns of the community and the needs of the rank and file in our initial meeting with Chief Bratton in late September. We conveyed our desire that he focus on community policing, recognize officer morale is critically important, fight to increase the number of officers on the LAPD, staff from the bottom-up, deploy resources where needed, and above all, be a good listener and willing to admit mistakes. We are confident that the con-

cerns we shared will aid him in his transition into the office of Chief.

We reaffirm our support to work with the Chief and his management team in every way necessary, so that we can all get to work quickly on improvements at the department and combating crime.

Chief Pomeroy

At the same time we welcome Chief Bratton, I want to take this opportunity to thank Chief Martin Pomeroy for continuing his service to the department as interim Chief over the last several months. He has earned the respect and praise of both the officers and the community, and we are grateful for the leadership he has shown. We wish him well in his return to retirement.

Listening: The Key to Leadership

In August of 1997, former LAPD Police Chief Ed Davis (1980 to 1992) authored an op-ed in the *Los Angeles Times* entitled, "Advice to the New Guy From an Old Hand." The column was and was an open letter to incoming Chief Bernard Parks.

Chief Davis advised Parks to "remember, in a police department, no one knows what's happening except the officers on the beat. Listen to them. I spent one afternoon a week for eight-and-a-half years listening to a cross-section of senior lead officers, who met with me and my three

assistant chiefs. We asked them questions and listened, and we made changes right then and there when they were indicated."

Davis continued, "You might now think you are the boss, but wow, do you have bosses! One mayor, five commissioners, 15 council members and more than 3 million members of the public all have a justified concern with your department's performance. Listen, listen, listen. Serving the public is a big job."

The last piece of advice to Parks was to always remember that while he was very bright, successful leadership required a willingness to share the credit for innovation with others. Said Davis, "Give them lots of credit. You can get a lot done if you don't care who gets the credit."

Well, five years later, the column and its points remain as valid as ever. Events of the last five years under Chief Parks have amply demonstrated the wisdom of the advice of Chief Davis. The LAPD organization, rank-and-file officers, and the citizens of Los Angeles would have been much better off had Chief Parks heeded any part of the advice given by Chief Davis.

I have sent a copy of Chief Davis' column to Chief Bratton. I am confident that this time his sage advice will not meet a deaf ear.

Response to September Article

We have received numerous calls and letters from investigators with the Critical Incident Investigation Division, upset about Gary Ingemunson's September *Blue Line* article in his "Warning Bells" column. I would like to apologize for any misunderstanding about the article, and emphasize that we never meant to single out and individually criticize anyone with CIID. The division is staffed by many good investigators who have ensured a fair transition as changes have been made at CIID. We have confidence in the CIID

investigators, and know that they are there for LAPD officers 24 hours a day, doing the best job they possibly can.

Cybercrime

While I did not mean to turn the President's message into the "Oprah Book Club", I recently read a fascinating book by Debra Shinder, a former Texas Police Sergeant and Police Academy Instructor, turned IT professional. Called, *Scene of the Cybercrime*, this book is packed with useful information for every police officer, regardless of level, since we are all now forced to deal with the hundreds of new ways computer criminals steal millions of dollars every year from people worldwide.

"Cybercrime" is a catch-all term used to describe criminal activity committed in the virtual world of "cyberspace" – that is, the use of Internet to commit a criminal offense. While hackers, crackers and network attackers are the most obvious example, not all crimes of this type require a high level of technical expertise, and many are just the "same old stuff" (fraud/con games, theft, illegal gambling, child pornography, etc.), done in a new-fangled way, using computer technology.

The book begins with an overview of what cybercrime is and the history of online lawbreaking. The book explores the technology behind the cybercrime phenomenon, including an overview of how computers work, how they communicate on networks, and why this information matters in understanding and investigating various types of cyber-offenses. Common network intrusions and attacks that we read about in the newspapers (such as port scanning, password cracking, Denial of Service, virus and Trojan attacks) are explained in detail.

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BOB BAKER, VICE PRESIDENT

I like to think that police officers perform community service every day in their patrol or investigation duties. You are out there 24 hours a day, protecting the residents of our city and helping them solve a variety of problems.

As a result, I am amazed every time I hear about officers who dedicate time outside of their jobs to volunteer their efforts to charitable causes. I know there are many of you involved in a variety of capacities with volunteer organizations, such as your children's schools, organizations within the neighborhoods you patrol or charities supporting disease research.

But I have yet to hear anyone as dedicated to a cause as two members of the LAPD, who have committed to training for and participating in a 111-mile bicycle event to raise money for cancer research.

Detective Annie Zibl from the Internal Affairs Group and her husband, Officer Elliot Zibl of the Narcotics Division, will participate in "El Tour de Tucson" on November 23, as part of the Team in Training on behalf of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The 20th Anniversary event follows a course along the perimeter of Tucson.

When the LAPPL heard about their quest to raise the funds necessary to purchase their equipment and meet their minimum fundraising requirement to be able to participate in the race, we stepped in to support them with the funds they needed to proceed.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to curing leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Team in Training is an endurance-training program for runners, walkers, cyclists and tri-athletes, whose activities benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It is the world's largest endurance sports training program, and provides participants with the coaching, training and the travel opportunities necessary to achieve their athletic goals. There are more than 30,000 people who will participate in the world's major

marathons and centuries this year on behalf of the Society.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised by Detective Zibl and Officer Zibl will go directly to research. The Greater Los Angeles Chapter funds research at seven facilities, including the Los Angeles City of Hope, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and the University of Southern California. They have each pledged to ride over 2,200 miles in training to prepare for the marathon event, which equals between one and six hours per day, five days per week, every week until the marathon – on top of their duties at the LAPD!

The Zibl's are motivated by the children who are battling Leukemia they have met since joining Team in Training. These children and the devastating effect cancer has had on both them and their families and friends have prompted the two riders to commit to raise as much funds as possible for the cause. An estimated 106,700 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma this year; an estimated 60,400 persons in the U.S. will die from these diseases this year.

The LAPPL is pleased to support the activities of our officers, particularly those dedicated to a worthwhile cause such as cancer research. It is always admirable when officers not only show dedication and perseverance in their daily jobs, but also in their free time pursuits.

Detective Zibl and Officer Zibl are continuing to raise funds as the race approaches later this month. If you would be interested in supporting your fellow officers for this worthy cause, checks should be made payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and donations should be sent to Annie and Elliot Zibl, P.O. Box 11326, Burbank, CA 91510-1326. More information on Team in Training can be found at www.teamintaining.org. We wish these two dedicated members of the LAPD the best of luck in their race and fundraising endeavors.

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NAPO National Association of Police Organizations representing nearly 220,000 police officer members in 4,000 police associations nationwide.

CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 10 police officer associations.

BIG 11 An informal association of the 11 largest sworn law enforcement associations in the State of California.

BIG 50 An informal association of the 50 largest law enforcement associations in the United States.

LACOPS Los Angeles County Organization of Police and Sheriffs consisting of all the law enforcement associations in Los Angeles.

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TRADITION WITH VISION

TED HUNT, SECRETARY

Chief of Police

We need to recognize Chief Martin Pomeroy for stepping in as interim Chief of Police. He is an exceptional man who lives and breathes integrity. Thank you, Chief for temporarily taking the leadership of our Department during one of the bleakest times LAPD has ever faced. You did your job with the best interests of LAPD and the City in mind.

Welcome, Chief Bill Bratton, to LAPD. After 10 years of being pummeled, it's time for a "turnaround." Read about the new chief and what he is going to do in his book, "Turnaround." In his autobiography, in articles written about him and in his public speeches, the message is consistent, he will TURN LAPD AROUND. He will hold management accountable, he will restore community policing and more effectively use SLOs, and he will hire and retain the best.

Back to 1999, as we were beginning to reel under the humiliation of the Rafael Perez Scandal, the fifth major scandal of the decade, our League began to chant a clear and consistent mantra: 1.) Hold Management Accountable; 2.) Restore Community Policing and SLOs; and, 3.) Hire and Retain the Very Best.

Mayor Hahn did NOT pick Bill Bratton to please the members or directors of the League. We appropriately stayed out of it. We didn't send out a survey or campaign for a candidate.

The fact that our three points for transformation of the Department are the same as three of Chief Bratton's major points is coincidental. It does point out LAPD's major problems. In other words, in two separate analyses from two ends of the country, by two separate entities came the same conclusion about transforming LAPD.

I have no idea whether or not Mayor Hahn considered the coincidences in the selection process. But it's clear that CHANGES WILL OCCUR AT LAPD and they will begin immediately. By the time you get this paper, they should be well under way.

We encourage you to give Chief Bratton a chance. I call it being "cautiously optimistic." We have been beaten up so badly over the past few years, as one detective said, "if the LAPD management / rank-and-file officer relationship were a parent / child relationship, then we are abused children."

Chief Bratton is a police officer, he "likes cops" and VERY importantly cares about the troops. Early in his career, he was awarded the Schroeder Brothers Medal, Boston Police Department's version of our Medal of Valor so it is not like he's been a desk jockey all his career.

Some of the changes we are going to like, some we won't. I believe that the changes will be for the betterment of the

Department as a whole. I commend Mayor Hahn and his advisors for their wisdom in the selection. Let's give the "new guy" a chance to help us restore our Department.

Former LAPD PSR Saves Sheriff's Life

Former LAPD PSR Jocelyn Roberts left the "Big City" for rural Jerome County, Idaho where she joined the Sheriff's Department. Jerome County is located in southern Idaho, almost due north of where the borders of Idaho, Utah and Nevada come together.

The leader of Jerome County's policing organization is Sheriff Jim Weaver, a highly respected retired LAPD Officer who reported that "despite its beauty and seeming tranquility, rural policing can be very dangerous. In a rural area, the sheriff and other top administrators have to be actively involved in patrol and investigative work as well as running the administrative ship."

We saw Sheriff Weaver at the recent Top Cops Awards program where he told us that he has had several shootings in the small towns of his county over the past few years. He nominated Under Sheriff Jocelyn Roberts for the prestigious Top Cops Award based on her brave actions in the midst of a tragic firefight where two Jerome deputies were killed in the tiny town of Eden, Idaho.

Roberts was part of an entry team that was attempting to serve a search warrant on a suspect who instead of cooperating, opened fire on the deputies of the entry team. Sheriff Weaver noted that, "While Roberts was engaging the suspect in the gun battle, she placed herself in the line of fire, effectively shielding me from the suspect. She saved my life." Tragically, two Jerome County Sheriff's Deputies were killed in the violent shootout. For her heroism in this fatal incident,

Roberts was awarded the Jerome County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor in 2001.

LA: Target Rich For Terrorism

Councilman Jack Weiss has taken a bold step forward by authoring a formal plan titled "Preparing Los Angeles for Terrorism." It is available on the web at www.lacity.org/council/ed5/. Watch commanders, AWC's, tacticians and planners should all take a look at it.

In other countries, frontline police officers are being attacked and killed by terrorists. Some of the tactics have included terrorists who secret themselves by lying down in the bed of a pick-up truck which is lined with metal plates to protect them. An observer in a layoff vehicle such as a motorcycle watches as the driver of the pick-up sucks patrol officers into a trap. At the right moment, the terrorists pop-up, shoot the officers, then duck-down to the hidden protection of the truck bed as the driver speeds off.

Another scenario includes an attack by motorcyclists who pull up alongside your patrol car, whip out a gun and spray your vehicle with automatic weapon fire. Perhaps you remember that scenario from the movie "*Clear and Present Danger*." It is happening in other parts of the world. It could happen here. We need to stay aware.

These things are real, this is how terrorists do it. LA is a target-rich environment both symbolically and factually. What do terrorists want to accomplish? What targets would you attack to reach your goals? If the goal is to destroy national commerce, look to areas such as the Harbor, LAX [which has had one attempt foiled and one actual incident at El Al] and look at surface transportation hubs. If the goal is to attack the symbols of "American Idolatry" look to the sym-

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Good News & Bad News

I will start with the bad news and end with the good news. The bad news is that last year we filed a Class Action Grievance after July 1, 2001, when officers who were on Long Term IOD and Sick status were not allowed to attend training to qualify them for their 3% POST pay, which they are granted per the current MOU. The Department denied the grievance essentially stating that if officer(s) could go to one day of classroom training then they could go back to work. The LAPPL disagreed, citing numerous Labor and Administrative Code violations. We went to arbitration a few months ago. After a lengthy hearing and much testimony, the arbitrator came back with his decision last month. The arbitrator ruled in the Department's favor and denied our Class Action Grievance, therefore, any officer who was on IOD or Long Term Sick on July 1, 2002, and was denied the 3% POST incentive pay must come back to work and attend training to start receiving the 3% incentive pay.

Now for the good news. Recently, the Court of Appeal rendered a decision in favor of the LAPPL regarding Administrative Order No. 15. The League filed a lawsuit in November of 2000 challenging the constitutionality of Administrative Order No. 15. A.O. No. 15 sets the procedure for Administrative Appeals. The League challenged the order section stating that when officers are downgraded or deselected, that is a property right and they must have a due process hearing. The Department contended that officers are not entitled to a due process hearing. In September 2002, the Court ruled in the League's favor and agreed that when you downgrade or deselect an officer, the officer is entitled to a full due process hearing. The real good news is that the decision is certified for publication. In other words, it's case law. I believe that most of the officers this decision affects have contacted the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver who handled this case. I will be updating the membership in future articles about this good news.

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NEW CHIEF IN TOWN

DON LINT

I know this comes as no surprise to anyone at this point but Chief Bratton is our new Chief of Police. I truly look forward to the new perspective and view of our Department that he brings with him. Chief Bratton is a true reformer and hopefully that will bring with it new views of the rank and file and a new respect for the rank and file that upper management has for so long lost.

I encourage everyone to embrace Chief Bratton as one of our own. We have been waiting for far too long to have leadership return to Los Angeles but I believe it has arrived. It is time to get back to work and put bad guys in jail and make this city safe. Chief Bratton brings to Los Angeles a reputation of standing behind his officers even when the media stirs up hate and discontent in the community. It appeared to me that he was a no nonsense kind of guy and that if you were doing your job he was going to back you. I don't know about you but I could never ask for more than that from anyone on this Department.

529 College Savings Plan

Many of you are or will be looking at sending your children to college some day. I can't predict what the cost will be when your child goes to college but it could be significantly more expensive than it is right now. The current statistics

say that an average state school will cost you more than \$40,000 for four years, with some state schools topping out at \$70,000. It's scary to think what a top-rated private school costs.

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I recently had a meeting with some people at the **PLAYA VISTA** housing development in Pacific Division. The reason for the meeting was that a young officer had mentioned that even though he was making good money he could not afford to buy a home in Los Angeles in a good neighborhood.

I went to Playa Vista and spoke with Steve Soboroff to see if he could help. I found out that they are currently building 3,000 units ranging in price from \$250,000 to over a million dollars. The development is really amazing. I was told that any LAPD officer that wants to buy a home for them will be given priority on the housing list. What does that mean to you? I was told there are approximately 30,000 people on a list for 3,000 homes, the laws of supply and demand certainly apply in the housing market.

I am also working with them on some financing programs that may benefit you. They have offered to have an open house for us if enough people are interested. I will keep you updated on anything new that comes up. They have a web site if you are interested. www.playavista.com

Just so nobody gets the wrong idea, **I HAVE NO FINANCIAL OR ANY OTHER INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT.** If you need further information on either of these two topics, please give me a call at 213-251-4554.

Crown Victorias

It appears that Ford has found some problems that they can fix with regard to the Crown Vics blowing up in high-speed crashes. I was told that they are going to retrofit all the cars with plastic guards that will prevent the gas tank from being punctured by bolts and other parts. I hope that this will solve the problem, but until they get our fleet done, be careful and stay out of the car when writing a cite. Apparently, that is when most of the fatalities have occurred. It could be that because of our tactics we have not had one of these tragic incidents. ♦

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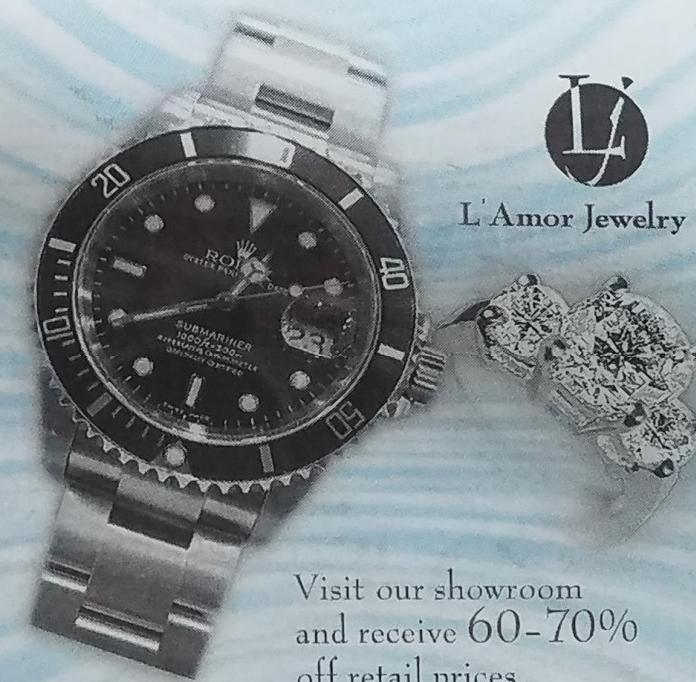
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A NEW ERA AT THE LAPD

PETER REPOVICH

A year ago, as we took the first steps toward engaging in the battle to remove Chief Parks from office, it seemed like an uphill battle. Residents of the city were not convinced that he needed to step down, and few city leaders were brave enough to join us in our call to bring new leadership to the department, in order to restore public safety and resolve the problems with recruitment and retention.

We all know what has happened since then. Mayor Hahn showed leadership and courage in the face of many critics and did not renew Chief Parks' contract; a majority of the City Council supported this decision. Martin Pomeroy came out of retirement to lead the LAPD while the search for a new chief was conducted. Even during his four-month stint as chief, we saw improvements at the department in recruitment and retention, officer morale and reductions in crime. It seems all the department really needed to right itself was the breath of fresh air provided by a new and more capable leader, one who could identify with the officers and the community and heed their concerns – and that is what Chief Pomeroy provided. We will always be thankful to him for that.

Now we move on to the next chapter. Along with a new chief, William Bratton, comes a new era at the LAPD. As Mayor Hahn said when discussing the need for new leadership at the LAPD, it is

time to bring the LAPD into the new millennium.

What I foresee for the LAPD in the new millennium – or, more appropriately, the Bratton years – is a stronger department that lives up to the reputation of being one of the most capable and admirable police departments in the world. I envision more officers who will serve our communities through effective crime fighting and community service. I, along with the rest of the city, will look for a lower crime rate, more community policing, better allocation of resources, pride in the department, and, above all, quality leadership.

As many of you may be aware, Chief Bratton comes to the LAPD with an impressive resume. He is the former Commissioner of the New York Police Department. During his two-year tenure, homicides were cut in half and serious crime dropped by about a third. He started his career as a cop in his hometown of Boston in 1970 (after returning from a volunteer tour of duty in Vietnam), ascending in a mere 10 years to superintendent of police, the highest sworn rank in the Boston Police Department. The LAPD will be the sixth police organization Bratton has overseen – and at each he has had significant accomplishments in reducing crime and implementing reforms.

Most recently, Bratton served for a year as a member of the team overseeing

the LAPD's compliance with the consent decree. It is in this role that he gained in-depth knowledge about not only the department's operations, but also the much-needed reforms. From the League's interview with him and insight provided by other city leaders, we know Chief Bratton has done his homework on the city and the LAPD, and is eager to put together a plan of action for vast improvements at the department.

Once called the "CEO Cop," Bratton appears to be just what the LAPD needs as we encounter not only a new era in our own city and department, but also a new era in public safety in our nation. He has the confidence and the base of knowledge to lead our department, and we look forward to working with him in a collaborative fashion to ensure that proper reforms are instituted at the department.

We hope that you will join us in this commitment. As officers of the LAPD, you will be Chief Bratton's eyes and ears on the street, and serve as both his tools for reform and also his best advisors.

Make the effort to get to know him (for those of you who haven't read his book *Turnaround: How America's Top Cop Reversed the Crime Epidemic*, Random House, 1998, I would recommend picking up a copy), and make sure that you are available so he can get to know you.

As Chief Bratton starts his new life in Los Angeles, I'd like to remind him of a statement John F. Kennedy made in the last speech he gave: "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." Take the time to listen to your troops, your command staff and your trusted advisors. If you apply what you learn to how you lead, you will be able to go nearly anywhere with this department. This is a wonderful chance for you to rebuild what could be the world's finest police department, and we have full confidence that you will be able to do it. On behalf of the members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, I thank you for coming to the LAPD and wish you the best of luck.

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How many men and women at the Los Angeles Police Department have taken interviews for promotions and upgrades and have come out on top? Then they learn that some arrogant and pompous commander or deputy chief at the bureaus, who was never present at the interviews or package review, has determined who will actually get the promotion based on goals, quotas, political correctness, or friendship. These brass never once cared about your efforts to promote, your career advancement, or your morale. Well guess what? What goes around, comes around. The Police Commission and the Mayor have determined that after interviewing all of the brass that applied for Chief of Police, none of the insiders were competent or capable of becoming the next Chief of Police for LAPD. They're sniveling that it isn't fair. How ironic it is that these people, who drove a thousand officers off the job and caused us to be the subject if a consent decree, didn't get promoted to Chief.

The previous chief promoted or gave power to a narcotics money launderer, philanderers, incompetents, and cronies. LAPD was devoid of leadership and integrity at the management level. The culture of LAPD that needed to be changed was at the top, and the United States Department of Justice knew it.

Rafael Perez stole narcotics and rightfully went to prison. Maurice Moore was accused of laundering narcotics money and the Chief promoted him and stalled the investigations so the statutes would expire and the Chief covered things up so there would be no administrative accountability. Now that Chief is going to be a City Councilman? What's wrong with LAPD points right to the top. That's why we're getting an outside Chief.

But is a Chief from New York the answer? Sure, he can clean out the sixth floor because he doesn't owe any favors to anyone. But after that how does he solve the shortage of officers problem? Will the City give him the overtime to establish crime suppression task forces? If he institutes all of the low-level misdemeanor arrests, where does he think they'll be housed? Lee Baca is kicking out all non-violent defendants and prisoners due to budgetary shortfalls. Bratton has no influence on the County Board of Supervisors. Where will he put the homeless? Will he just push them into other jurisdictions? How will Bratton institute aggressive pro-active police work and at the same time reduce personnel complaints? How will he address our pathetic problem of SID failing to provide essential support to detectives in need of DNA and ballistics comparisons? The new Chief has a

tough job in front of him, but he can succeed if he's provided the money and resources.

The headline on the October 5th *Los Angeles Times* read "Bratton Warns Officers to Get With His Program." He infers that anyone who disagrees with him should put in their retirement papers. We just had a Chief whose management style was "my way or the highway." I hope Chief Bratton doesn't think that an unreasonable "get tough on the cops" policy will be well received by the men and women doing the work necessary to protect the public. The officers on the street know there are more people working IAG to police the police, than he has fighting crime in Metro. Bratton has a track record of doing aggressive police work in New York that reduced crime but at the same time resulted in increased complaints and an increase in New York's payout for court settlements.

Our police officers and detectives want to do a superior job and put predators in prison. They want a management that supports them in their efforts, not as

we've seen in the past, where everything is second guessed in an effort to find technical and deminimus procedural errors. That's part of the culture that the rank-and-file officer must see a change in. The officers need leadership and support, not being placed under a microscope and picked apart.

Chief Bill Bratton needs your support and we should give it to him and try to provide the City with great police service, absent complaints, within the guidelines of the Consent Decree. If we can be successful, we can be proud of ourselves and have community support for the things we need. Success will also allow for the Consent Decree to be withdrawn. So let's work together and try to make it work. If it doesn't work, maybe we'll get an insider the next time.

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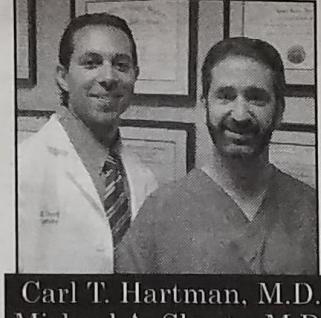
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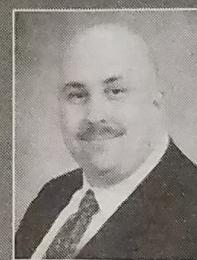
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Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Real Estate Services Program and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

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LET'S ROLL

PAUL M. WEBER

On behalf of the rank and file, I'd like to welcome Chief William Bratton to the LAPD. We are honored to have you as our new Chief, and look forward to working with you to achieve the goals we all hope to achieve at the LAPD and for the City of Los Angeles – improved morale, lower crime, a fairer disciplinary system and more officers on the force.

We know the transition to living in a new city and running a new department will not be easy, and we hope to ease that transition by helping in any way we can. We look forward to hearing your plans for the department and making improvements that will benefit both the officers on the force and the residents of this great city.

Final Secession Update

The vote on secession is just days away, and I want to again urge all of you to vote no on secession. It is simply too dangerous a prospect for both LAPD officers and public safety.

Many of you may have heard the ads the LAPPL sponsored on television and radio, urging voters to reject secession. I also hope that you were able to attend the debate we sponsored on October 17 at the Universal City Hilton, "United or Apart? A Debate on the Future of Los Angeles."

The reason why we decided to invest in advertising and this debate was to

inform the public about the negative impact secession would have on public safety and policing services. There are so many organizations out there trying to convince voters of their viewpoints on secession – but few with specialized expertise such as the LAPPL, who can speak out as genuine authorities on public safety and say, with confidence, that public safety would suffer in a divorced city. We received a lot of positive feedback from the public about our advertisements, and are confident that they were effective in spreading the message that secession is a bad idea.

We believe the debate was also a valuable public service, since it provided a neutral forum for both sides to answer questions from Los Angeles journalists and present their cases to the public. So although this event was not advocating one viewpoint over another, we believe it was a great educational tool for voters to decide how they should vote on the issue. This also served the additional purpose of introducing the League and its work to the community at-large, who may not be familiar with what we do on a daily basis.

As you prepare to go to the polls on November 5, here are the secession-related measures that you should pay special attention to:

- **Measure G, Selection of City Name, Proposed City of San Fernando Valley:** Only Valley voters will decide on Measure G. The choices are Camelot, Mission Valley, Rancho San Fernando, San Fernando Valley and Valley City. Valley voters will also select a mayor and City Council.

- **Measure H, Detachment of Hollywood Area from the City and Incorporation of the Hollywood Area as a new city:** Just like Measure F, Measure H asks voters to decide if Hollywood should become its own city, in the same way the Valley wants to secede. The same consequences occur if Hollywood secedes as if the Valley secedes. Hollywood voters will also decide on a new mayor and City Council.

For more information on secession as you make your decision on how to vote, I would recommend that you visit the League's Web site at www.LAPD.com and read our White Paper on secession, or that you check out the Civic Forum/Southern California Gas's guide at www.thecivicforum.org/Secession.pdf — both guides should provide you with answers to your questions about secession's impact on the City of Los Angeles, as well as the Valley and Hollywood.

Incorporation of the San Fernando Valley Area as a new city: To pass, this measure requires approval by a majority of voters in the proposed new city, as well as a majority of voters citywide, including the Valley. The process of secession is technically called a "special reorganization" under state law. It entails a simultaneous "detachment" from an existing city (the City of Los Angeles) and "incorporation" of a new city (the Valley).

Sample ballots and information on the specific measures for your area of the city or county can be found at the County's Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Web site, at <http://regrec.co.la.ca.us>. Please support your fellow officers, the department, and the safety of Los Angeles residents by voting against secession!

Terrorism is Not Just a Federal Problem

The Sept 11 anniversary is now behind us, but we cannot give in to the temptation to forget that we are a nation at war, and we live right in the middle of the battlefield. Only a few years ago, convicted terrorist Ahmed Ressam confessed that he had plotted to bomb Los Angeles International Airport. Ressam was stopped at the U.S.-Canadian border in December 1999, and arrested with more than 130 pounds of bomb-making materials in his rental car. His plans originated in a jihad camp in Afghanistan, where he and other Islamic extremists were given training, instructions and money to launch bloody attacks during millennium celebrations.

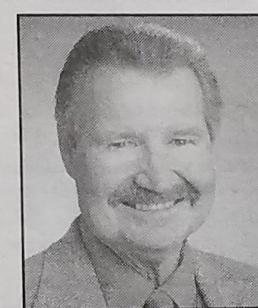
The terrorism threat poses ongoing challenges to the LAPD. We have lost and will lose even more officers to the military if and when our nation goes into active combat to free Iraq from the grasp of Saddam Hussein. We should expect his allies to retaliate against US civilians, putting great stress on front-line law enforcement to thwart these attacks and to handle the aftermath of attacks that occur. Los Angeles unfortunately offers a plethora of high-profile targets, from the airport and the harbor to the entertainment industry studios to crowds of tourists who gather at spots like Venice Beach.

We can never let down our guard. We must never forget facts such as that Timothy McVeigh was arrested by an Oklahoma Highway Patrol officer following a "routine" traffic stop for failure to display license plates. We cannot assume the FBI or other federal agencies have the resources to deal with this problem without our active and continuing participation, both from our own counter-terrorism experts and from the cop in the black and white who sees more reality on one 10-hour watch than most federal officers encounter in a year.

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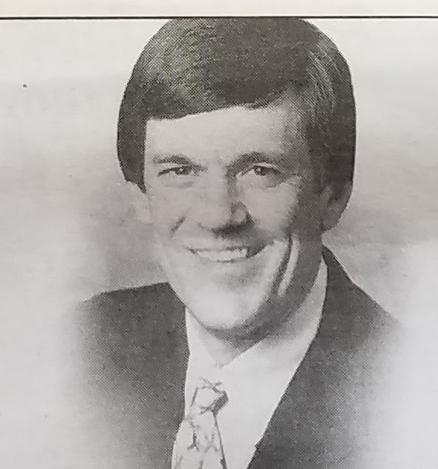
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



Court of Appeal Rules Investigation Files Can Be Examined By Officer Even If No Discipline Is Imposed

Recently the Third Appellate District of the California Court of Appeal in *Sacramento Police Officers Association et al. vs. Arturo Venegas Jr. et al.* ruled that the events that trigger an officer's right under the Public Safety Officers Bill of Right Act (Government Code section 3300 et seq.) to read and respond to adverse comments in his/her personnel file, or any other file used for any personnel purposes by the employer, are not limited to formal disciplinary actions, such as a reprimand, admonishment or other specific findings of misconduct. Rather, the court ruled that an officer's rights are triggered by the entry of any adverse comment in a personnel file or any other file used for a personnel purpose.

In *Sacramento*, the factual background arose out of an allegation of neglect of duty against Sergeant Michael B. Kime ("Kime") while he was assigned to the Sacramento Police Department's Bomb Squad ("Department"). In late 1995, Kime's take-home vehicle was stolen from his possession. Hours later, it was recovered by the Department. Kime believes that his supervisor made a complaint charging him with neglect of duty. In any event, an investigation by the Department's internal affairs section was commenced. Pending the investigation, Kime was removed from his position with the bomb squad.

Kime commenced litigation over his removal from the bomb squad. It was resolved when the Department conceded that Kime was entitled to administrative review and agreed to return him to his position with the bomb squad. Ultimately, no adverse action was taken as the result of the internal affairs investigation.

The case before the Court of Appeal began when Kime filed a petition for a writ of mandate pursuant to the Bill of Rights Act (Gov. Code, §3309.5), seeking access to, and an opportunity to review and rebut, any document in any file within the Department that contained comments adverse to his interests—specifically, any document relating to an allegation that Kime was neglectful in his duty with respect to the theft of his city-owned car.

In response to the petition, the Department asserted there were no records in Kime's personnel files concerning the stolen car incident, and said: "While Internal Affairs may have records relating to alleged misconduct, such allegations did not result in discipline nor are the Internal Affairs records a personnel record."

A representative of the Department declared that an examination of Kime's personnel file kept in the personnel section, of pertinent watch level files, and of informal disciplinary records kept in the office of the chief of police revealed no entries or records, adverse or otherwise, with respect to the stolen car incident addressed in Kime's petition. However, the Department conceded that its internal affairs section had an index card that referred to the investigation of the theft of Kime's city-owned car.

The trial court denied the petition for a writ of mandate. The court reasoned that Kime had failed to establish a right to disclosure under the Bill of Rights Act

because (1) he had not established that any adverse personnel action was taken against him, and (2) the Department had shown that internal affairs index cards were not used for evaluations, assignments, status changes, or to impose discipline.

The Court of Appeal reversed and remanded the case back to the Superior Court based on the following rationale.

The court recognized that the particular provisions of the Bill of Rights Act that apply to the case were sections 3305 and 3306 of the Government Code.

Section 3305 provides: "No public safety officer shall have any comment adverse to his interest entered in his personnel file, or any other file used for any personnel purposes by his employer, without the public safety officer having first read and signed the instrument containing the adverse comment indicating he is aware of such comment, except that such entry may be made if after reading such instrument the public safety officer refuses to sign it. Should a public safety officer refuse to sign, that fact shall be noted on that document, and signed or initialed by such officer."

Section 3306 provides: "A public safety officer shall have 30 days within which to file a written response to any adverse comment entered in his personnel file. Such written response shall be attached to, and shall accompany, the adverse comment."

In construing these statutory provisions, the court was guided by the recent decision of the California Supreme Court in *County of Riverside vs. Superior Court* (2002) 27 Cal.4th 793 (hereafter County of Riverside), published after the trial court ruled in this matter. League panel attorney Mike Stone successfully represented the officer in the *Riverside* case.

Quoting with approval the decision in *Aguilar v. Johnson* (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 241, the Supreme Court concluded that the language in the Bill of Rights Act should be construed broadly to include any document that "...may serve as a basis for affecting the status of [a peace officer's] employment," regardless of whether it is kept separate from the officer's general personnel file. Accordingly, the Supreme Court "reject[ed] the assertion that a law enforcement agency's background investigation of a peace officer during probationary employment is somehow not a personnel matter subject to the Bill of Rights Act." The label placed on the investigation file is irrelevant. The materials in the file unquestionably "...may serve as a basis for affecting the status of the employee's employment, ...indeed, that is the very purpose of the background investigation." The Supreme Court went on to say its conclusion that the Bill of Rights Act applies was "valid even where the background investigation concerns a matter that occurred prior to the commencement of employment." Moreover, where "the adverse comments arise out of an investigation, the very purpose of which was to assess the employee's qualifications for continued employment . . . the Bill of Rights Act applies, whether or not the comments are prepared and filed prior to termination."

Consistent with the decision in *County of Riverside*, the court in *Sacramento* gave appropriate consideration to the

fact that the Legislature utilized broad language in enacting sections 3305 and 3306 and held that the events that will trigger an officer's rights under those statutes are not limited to formal disciplinary actions, such as the issuance of letters of reproof or admonishment or specific findings of misconduct. Rather, an officer's rights are triggered by the entry of any adverse comment in a personnel file or any other file used for a personnel purpose.

The court in *Aguilar* previously addressed the meaning of an adverse comment for the purposes of sections 3305 and 3306 of the Bill of Rights Act. It noted; "Webster defines comment as 'an observation or remark expressing an opinion or attitude...'"

'Adverse' is defined as 'In opposition to one's interest. DETRIMENTAL, UNFAVORABLE.' Thus, for example, under the ordinary meaning of the statutory language, a citizen's complaint of brutality is an adverse comment even though it was "uninvestigated" and the chief of police asserted that it would not be considered when personnel decisions are made.

The *Sacramento* court found the reasoning in *Aguilar* to be persuasive, as did the Supreme Court of *County of Riverside*. The court stated that in its usual and ordinary import, the broad language employed by the Legislature in sections 3305 and 3306 does not limit their reach to comments that have resulted in, or will result in punitive action against an officer. The Legislature appears to have been concerned with the potential unfairness that may result from an adverse comment that is not accompanied by punitive action and, thus, will escape the procedural protections available during administrative review of a punitive action. As the court explained,

even though an adverse comment does

not directly result in punitive action, it has the potential of creating an adverse impression that could influence future personnel decisions concerning an officer, including decisions that do not constitute discipline or punitive action. The legislative remedy was to ensure that an officer is made aware of adverse comments and is given an opportunity to file a written response, should he or she choose to do so.

Accordingly, the *Sacramento* court rejected the Department's claim that Kime had no right to review any adverse comment about the stolen police car incident because the information did not result in any adverse personnel action. To the contrary, the court concluded that, regardless of whether the employing agency contemplates or has rejected further action regarding an adverse comment made against a peace officer employee, the officer is entitled to disclosure of the comment if it is entered in an agency file used for a personnel purpose. This conclusion is consistent with the reasoning of *County of Riverside*, which implies that an adverse comment contained in a background investigation file is subject to disclosure even if the officer does not suffer some sort of adverse consequence, as long as it has that potential. The Bill of Rights Act applies to any comment that may serve as a basis for adversely affecting the status of the peace officer's employment.

The *Sacramento* case is of special significance to all LAPD officers. It reinforces your rights under the Bill of Rights Act. The courts now have another appellate decision that clearly supports the right of officers to discover and respond to the adverse comments in files used for personnel matters.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving holiday with your family and love ones. ♦

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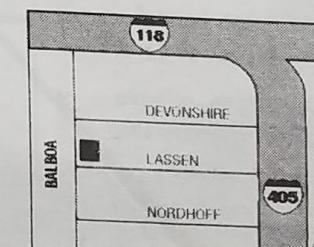
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Take Back The Streets, But Have The Consent Decree in Your Back Pocket

Chief Bratton has told LAPD officers that it is time to take back the streets. Chief Bratton has also left little doubt that he is in favor of the Consent Decree and plans to enforce it. Therefore, an officer has to know how to take back the streets without violating the Consent Decree. The Decree is too complicated to discuss in a short column, but there are some warning bells that can be heard. It would be a good career move for you to know what the Consent Decree has to say about street level police work.

First, the Consent Decree does say that you can do police work.

"Nothing in this Agreement is intended to alter the lawful authority of LAPD police officers to use reasonable and necessary force, effect arrests and file charges, conduct searches or make seizures, or otherwise fulfill their law enforcement obligations to the people of the City of Los Angeles in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of California." [Paragraph 7 of the Consent Decree, emphasis added]

You can see the catch, though. Who

defines what is consistent with the requirements of the Constitution? Since the whole basis of the Consent Decree arose because of the issue of LAPD violating the constitutional rights of citizens, this should be the focus of your attention to consent decree issues. Why? Because constitutional concepts of probable and reasonable cause, or rather the lack of it, have been elevated to the status of a disciplinary issue. It is one of the core orders of the Decree to refrain from constitutional violations.

"The City is enjoined from engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers of the LAPD that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States." [Paragraph 12 of the Consent Decree, emphasis added]

The Decree also requires that you report any violation of constitutional rights to the Department (acquiescing to misconduct has been given a whole new dimension).

"The Department shall continue to require officers to report to the LAPD without delay: any conduct by other

officers that reasonably appears to constitute (a) an excessive use of force or improper threat of force; (b) a false arrest or filing of false charges; (c) an unlawful search or seizure." [Paragraph 78 of the Consent Decree, emphasis added]

Excessive force is relatively easy to recognize, it is the false arrest and unlawful search and seizure that is tricky. It is, of course, in the end a legal conclusion. Whether an arrest is false or a search is unlawful is a question that judges, lawyers, appeals courts, law professors and everyone else in the legal system argue about for months and years. You, however, on the street will have to make decisions on the spot that, under the Consent Decree, are allegations of misconduct if someone disagrees with your interpretation of the law. Furthermore, you are going to have to second guess every law enforcement action of all the other officers in your purview because you have a duty to report any violation of search and seizure under the provisions of the Consent Decree "without delay."

Allegations of misconduct now commonly read that on such and such a date, Officer Glutz detained gang member so and so without reasonable cause. Or entered such and such a residence without probable cause. Or arrested, or searched so and so, without probable cause. In addition, the Consent Decree requires that Internal Affairs investigate these kinds of allegations and, naturally, the TEAMS system will keep track of all the allegations (sustained or not) so the "At Risk" division can be notified if your name pops up in the computer too many times. The bottom line is that your law enforcement decisions can have a significant impact on your career.

Your challenge is to take back the streets in a way that allows you to safely go home at night and still have career prospects the next day. This will take knowledge and technique.

Technique is important because you not only have to be fault free, you have to be able to prove you are fault free. The Consent Decree puts your credibility and a complainant's credibility on the same level.

"There shall be no automatic preference of an officer's statement over the statement of any other witness including a complainant who is also a witness. There shall be no automatic judgment that there is insufficient information to make a credibility determination when the only or principal information about an incident is contained in conflicting statements made by the involved officer and the complainant." [Paragraph 84 of the Consent Decree, emphasis added]

That means that the officer is given no additional credibility points against a complainant on a one on one. Here is where you need a technique called a tape recorder. (Remember that you must be engaged in a criminal investigation to surreptitiously tape record a conversation.) The Department should also provide the

video cameras in the police car light bars as soon as possible for the officer's career protection. The bad guys are well aware of how to eliminate an effective cop, i.e., multiple personnel complaints. "Not resolved" adjudications are not good enough to keep you out on the street doing police work. They are interpreted by some as the smoke of a smouldering fire. A tape recording of the incident that shows your procedure was faultless will get you into the "unfounded" category.

There are certain other activities where the tape recorder is invaluable. If you want to talk to a gang member, it has to be either consensual or you have to have a reasonable suspicion that this particular gang member is involved in identifiable criminal activity. Of course, when you find that gun, or dope, the suspect is going to cry violation of constitutional rights. Once again, whether the initial stop was consensual, or not, will be in dispute. The tape recorder will break that credibility tie.

You should tattoo these two legal requirements to the inside of your eyelids.

"In order for an investigative stop or detention to be valid, you must have a 'reasonable suspicion' that: (1) criminal activity may be afoot; and (2) the person you are about to detain is connected with that possible criminal activity." [California Peace Officers Legal Sourcebook, section 2, III, B]

"Probable cause" to arrest exists when the totality of the circumstances or "total atmosphere" of the case would lead a person of ordinary care and prudence to entertain an honest and strong suspicion that the person to be arrested is guilty of a crime. [California Peace Officers Legal Sourcebook, section 2, IV, G]

Remember that if you stop someone for a chat, you have probably detained that person. If you significantly change a suspect's physical location without consent, you have probably made an arrest. Before you do either of these things, think about sitting across that table from an Internal Affairs investigator a couple of months later explaining on tape what your reasonable suspicion or probable cause was. If you think about that before you take law enforcement action, you will be miles ahead in the game. Then think about how you are going to prove what you are stating. If you are weak in either of these two tests, pass the law enforcement action by until such time as these and the Consent Decree can be satisfied. By thinking ahead you can insulate yourself from some of the damage of the personnel complaints you know are going to be coming in against any active officer.

If you are the victim of one of these constitutional law violation personnel complaints be sure to get an attorney for representation at the interview. (Another good reason to join the League's Enhanced Legal Plan) The next few months should be really interesting. I wish Chief Bratton the best of luck and I hope he can repeat his New York successes.

Be legally careful out there. ♦

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Sir/madam,

I am a police officer currently in the Royal Parks Constabulary, London, United Kingdom. I have been collecting badge, patches and uniforms for around two years.

I am very interested in Los Angeles police and would like to know whether any officer would like to trade/swap/buy/sell patches.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
Anna Tsangaropoulos

Dear Editor:

On September 21, 2002, I retired after 26 years of devoted service to the LAPD. While this has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make, I thought it was important to share some of my thoughts on what it has meant to be an LAPD officer.

Most importantly, let me thank all those with whom I have had the pleasure to work throughout the years, and the community, which I have been so honored to serve. I have had a truly blessed career, and I thank God for all the wonderful training officers and partners I have worked with over the years that helped me to do my job to the best of my

abilities and kept me safe.

Like many others before me, I admire the thousands of officers who have devoted their lives to working for the greatest police department in the world. Bar none, LAPD has been and always will be the best law enforcement agency in the country, which other agencies strive to model! It is the best because of the strong leadership and support from City Council, the hundreds of volunteers, community members, and the dedicated officers who form the thin blue line. The best times in my life have been serving with the Los Angeles Police Department, and it is with a heavy heart that I move on and close this chapter of my life.

I pray that I will be able to take all of my knowledge and training from service in Vietnam and with the LAPD and put it to good use in the future. Because of my experiences in law enforcement, my passion now lies with working with families and humanitarian efforts. In the great tradition of those who have retired before me, I also hope that I can put to good use what I learned on the tough streets of L.A. and make a difference by sharing my talents with others. I hope to stand up for the law enforcement community and will do my best to let everyone know what "WE" (law enforcement officers) face on a daily basis—so the public has a better appreciation for the tough job we do.

Like so many police officers who have worked the streets of Hollywood, I have recently completed a book that I have been working on for the past several years, which is called *From the Heart—Lessons Learned From Life*. This book,

which needs a publisher, is an autobiography/journal of my life with the LAPD. I am hoping that this motivational and spiritual book will inspire others to follow their hearts.

May God keep all of you and your families safe and may He guide you as you continue to help the people of Los Angeles and grace you with the wisdom you need to provide the valuable services that you impart.

Sincerely,
Sgt. II Danny Mastro, #21672
[I can be contacted at sgtdan50@msn.com](mailto:sgtdan50@msn.com)

Dear Editor:

Three months I began this letter after being informed that a former colleague, Tony Stavropoulos, had been diagnosed with lung cancer. Upon learning of his condition, I contacted Tony and offered my assistance. Although it had been a couple of years since I saw Tony, I always remembered him having a smile, a kind word, and always doing his job. Our conversation was limited since he was on his way to the doctor. It ended with me offering assistance and him saying he would call back. I had fought my own battle with cancer and the city. There were issues about his disease and how the Department would respond to the question of IOD status that needed to be addressed. Regrettably, after a few weeks passed and he did not return my telephone call, I did not pursue him. I was kept abreast of his condition and knew he had enough to deal with. Tony passed away on September 16, 2002. Another member of our family had died too soon leaving behind a wife, four children, and many friends.

Make no mistake, Tony's death is job related. It just didn't occur as a result of a violent confrontation like most police deaths. It was the result of continued exposure to drugs and chemicals that a narcotics officer handles each day. However, even though cancer is presumed IOD, the Department management, the

pension department, and workers' compensation will fight to keep his family from obtaining that status and the death benefits that officers are entitled to when killed in the line of duty. The city will fight his family for the next several years hoping that they will give up as his wife struggles to raise their children on a 47% pension. I can only hope that the "Big Blue Family" that turned out for his funeral will be there as the real battle progresses. Included in that family should be the Protective League leading the charge and being Tony's advocate.

Among the worst words that we may hear in our lifetime is, "You have cancer." I say this not through others but as a result of my own personal experience. Five years ago those words were said to me and life changed forever. As a result of good medical care, prayers from friends and family members, and luck, I am still here fighting. The memories of those early days, weeks that became months then years will always be with me. For all the love and support I had from my family and friends it was the conversations with other cancer patients that gave me the most comfort. They truly understood what I was going through.

As the years have passed, I have tried to give that same comfort to others. I have no idea how many members of our Department, retired and active, have or will be diagnosed with cancer. Those that are will be scared and lonely, having many questions. They will be in need of support but may not have anywhere to turn, or feel uncomfortable outside their family. Because of our common bond, I believe that a law enforcement cancer support group would be extremely beneficial and bring comfort to others. There is healing power in kind words and knowing that someone else is feeling what you are.

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DIED: July 26, 2002

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RANK: Sergeant I+2
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Traffic
BORN: July 5, 1943
APPOINTED: October 26, 1964
ACTIVE:
DIED: August 2, 2002

★ ★ ★
NAME: Richard W. Wilson #11820
RANK: Detective II
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: June 6, 1942
APPOINTED: October 28, 1963
RETIRED: October 13, 1984
DIED: August 18, 2002

★ ★ ★
NAME: David M. Means, Jr. #7585
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: February 5, 1934
APPOINTED: October 1, 1955
RETIRED: June 21, 1972
DIED: August 29, 2002

NAME: Elbert M. Moody #4238
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: PIC
BORN: July 24, 1923
APPOINTED: February 19, 1947
RETIRED: March 21, 1967
DIED: September 5, 2002

★ ★ ★
NAME: Frank Mena #13406
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Newton
BORN: March 24, 1938
APPOINTED: July 31, 1967
RETIRED: September 14, 1996
DIED: September 9, 2002

★ ★ ★
NAME: William A. Erickson #2643
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: May 1, 1918
APPOINTED: January 5, 1942
RETIRED: August 21, 1962
DIED: September 18, 2002

★ ★ ★
NAME: William E. Marsden #10038
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: DSD
BORN: May 26, 1936
APPOINTED: February 10, 1958
RETIRED: September 23, 2000
DIED: September 26, 2002

Stravropoulos, 47, Honored Detective

by Jason Kandel Staff Writer

Anthony R. Stavropoulos, a 21-year Los Angeles Police Department veteran and this year's Narcotics Division Valley Bureau Detective of the Year, died Monday from complications of lung cancer. He was 47.

Stavropoulos, a resident of Simi Valley, spent 14 years working narcotics in the Valley, specializing in white-supremacist groups dealing methamphetamines out of clandestine labs.

"He was a very hard-charging detective," said Rob Holcomb, who worked with Stavropoulos in the Valley narcotics section. He was very tenacious. (His death) hit a lot of us pretty hard."

Affectionately called "Big Tony" by colleagues because of his 5-foot-11, 300-pound frame, Stavropoulos was scheduled to receive a Detective of the Year Award next month at a local law enforcement recognition luncheon hosted by Councilman Hal

Bernson's office. Instead, he will be honored posthumously.

Stavropoulos previously received the Police Star—the Department's third-highest honor—for rescuing a bank teller held hostage by a knife-wielding robber on Ventura Boulevard.

A heavy smoker, his health began to decline over a year ago. He was diagnosed with lung cancer earlier this summer, but kept a positive attitude, believing he could beat it.

"Up to two weeks ago he said he was feeling better," Holcomb said. "We're going to miss him."

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; sons, Trevor and Sean; and daughters, Alicia and Emma.

A Mass was held at 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 13955 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark. Private interment followed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, 1880 North Academy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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While my struggle has taught me many things, the most important is that if one is to beat cancer, they must maintain a positive outlook and be their own advocate. I would be very interested in starting a Cancer Support Group. If others are interested, I would appreciate them contacting me, even if they just want to talk.

Please contact Roy Wunderlich, RBWFish@adelphia.net; (310) 562-2683; 1007 Montana, #330, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

Sincerely,
Roy Wunderlich, #16473
Retired

ous people from the chief down to my coworkers at North Hollywood worked tirelessly to make sure I received the best medical care available and take care of my family's needs. Their concern, generosity and actions were overwhelming. Families aren't always perfect. Sometimes members argue. Some are Republicans, some are Democrats. Some promote, some don't. Some work inside and some work the streets. I could go on and on.

The bottom line is the LAPD is still a family and nobody will look after us as well as we look after each other. Stick together and stay safe. Thanks for your prayers.

John Caprarelli, #23753

Dear Sirs:

My name is Steve Chandler and I want to extend my thanks to Officer Navarro, #32972. On Friday, Sept. 27 we needed help in finding the Hollywood sign. He went to the trouble of going through several maps and then drawing his own map that was right on. This might be simplistic to others, but to us from Texas on vacation, it was invaluable information. He was extremely courteous and helpful. Please give our thanks to Officer Navarro and to the LAPD in general. You guys are great!

Steve Chandler

Hi Mitzi:

You may not remember me from Van Nuys since you and I have both been out of there a number of years. I just logged on to the LAPD Web site and I was glad to see you as the president of the League. That is a great thing for our officers.

You can let those young officers know what having that unsharpened badge has done for me. I am e-mailing you from Changsha, China, where my wife and I are teaching conversational English. I had a Bachelor's degree, but it was my LAPD experience that allowed the administration to waive the teaching credential. In the fall of 2000, my years of experience and clean record allowed me to work for the University of Pittsburgh as one of two security officers for 650 college students on the SS Universe Explorer. The program is called Semester at Sea, and we traveled completely around the world for four months, visiting ten foreign countries. All of this because of LAPD. It was a great job, and it allowed me opportunities I would otherwise never had had.

I hope this finds you in good spirits and good health. If any officers would like to contact me, feel free to share our e-mail address with them.

Joe Brazas
chinakids2@hotmail.com

Dear Editor:

Mitzi Grasso in her President's Message in the September *Blue Line* mentioned the *L.A. Times'* editorial bias in regards to former Chief Parks. That news organ's bias should come as no shock to anyone. I honorably retired from RHD in 1986 after 29+ years of service, and several years before that, the *Times* carried a full page editorial in its Sunday edition that extolled Parks' virtues, and anointed him as a shoo-in for the Chief's job in the future. The *Times* has a terrible history of bias, especially when reporting anything about the LAPD, and almost never reports anything positive. Parks may go down in history as the worst Chief the LAPD has ever had to endure, and the *Times* hates to be wrong. Hopefully, the next permanent chief will be chosen on his/her merit without the advice and consent of the *Times*. Keep up the good work and God bless you all.

Larry Brown, RHD, Det. Sgt. Ret.
Sammamish, WA

Dear Editor:

On June 29, 2002, my friend and partner died from a lengthy blood disease that became Leukemia. This officer's name was James W. Darling #13514. We were classmates in the October 1967 academy class. He was 34 years old and the oldest in our class. We went to West Valley and Metro together. We were partners from 1968 until 1972, and became lifelong friends.

Our families spent untold hours together. I was closer to Jim than I ever was to my brothers. Jim and his wife, Patti, were married for 50 years (they met in high school). She is still very close to my wife and I. We hope she will continue to be our lifelong friend.

Jim was a policeman's policeman. After he was promoted to Sgt. he went to Devonshire. He was a highly respected supervisor. He was disliked by the higher ranks because he protected the officers and to hell with the captains, etc. He always said what he thought which was not "politically correct."

Jim thought highly of the younger officers, doing everything he could to help them along. He had common sense rarely seen then or today. He had the best sense of humor. How we laughed....

NAME: James W. Darling #13514

RANK: Sergeant II

ASSIGNED: Devonshire Division, Patrol

BORN: August 24, 1933

APPOINTED: October 23, 1967

RETIRED: October 31, 1992

DIED: June 29, 2002

God bless you, Jimmie. We love you very much.

Sincerely,
Ron Whitt #13633, Retired

Dear Editor:

I would like to personally like to congratulate and extend a warm welcome to Chief Bratton. We should benefit from his proven history of success. The question I have, is what happened to our command staff? Not one of our best could make the cut. I can't believe that not one of the candidates who rose through the ranks isn't qualified to lead this Department.

The Police Commission is very aware of the problems our Department faces. Morale is at the top of the list. It looks as if dedication, loyalty and hard work have limited value.

Police officials from around the country have stated publicly that the LAPD should find someone in their own backyard to lead the Department. They stated that the individual who will be the chief has to know the culture of the Department and the politics of the City of Los Angeles to be effective. The fact that our best can't even compete in the final selection process raises a number of questions.

One of the candidates from our command staff stated he was embarrassed that our leadership seems deficient when matched against competitors from the outside. I understand the feeling.

In mid 1990 I was a D-I assigned to Pacific Division. There were four detective supervisors who were retiring in a single month. Not one of the very qualified detectives who worked at Pacific Division was chosen to fill any of the positions. The feeling in that squad room was devastating. The people who worked there were outraged and frustrated. I am not questioning the ability of the people chosen, but there had to have been at least one of the Pacific Division detectives who was as qualified as the people who were promoted.

I encourage everyone who sits on an oral board to remember the decisions made by this Police Commission. I would hope that when a decision is made on a promotion some thought is given to the impact it has on the candidates and the effect it has on all the employees of this Department.

Detective James Agnole, #22537

Dear Editor:

In the September 2002 edition of the *Blue Line*, League attorneys Hank Hernandez and Gary Ingemunson attacked the integrity and competence of the men and women League members assigned to Critical Incident Investigation Division (CIID).

The insulting and inaccurate articles penned by these two attorneys offended and angered the hard working detectives of CIID. Just when morale in the Department is starting to rise, these articles pull rug out from under these detectives and dumps their morale in the hopper. Their inflammatory dusters no doubt have instilled fear in officers and a lack of confidence that critical incidents in which they may have become involved will be properly investigated. We can only hope that the arti-

cles will not cause an officer to wait an extra split second in a critical incident to consider the outcome of the investigation and thereby subject him or herself to injury.

It is naive to believe that the detectives who have been formerly assigned to the Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) Section would never leave that assignment, even via retirement or death, so there would be no need to bring in new detectives and train them to continue carrying the torch. It was alluded in the article that three former OIS detectives left CIID mainly because they were dissatisfied with the division's mission. In fact, two of the detectives retired with 32 and 27 years, respectively, of service. The third detective is on long term sick status.

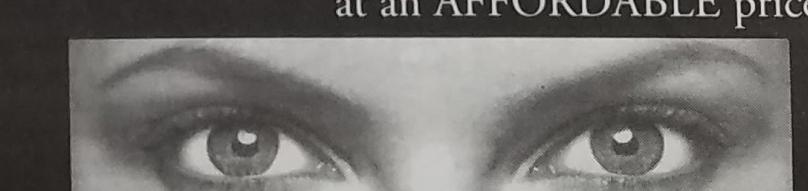
An organization, and in this case a division, will atrophy if new blood is not infused into it. CIID was formed in April 2001, to investigate categorical uses-of-force as mandated by the Consent Decree. The detectives selected for this assignment are experienced investigators, many with previous assignments in homicide, sex crimes and other complex investigative units. They are dedicated, hard working, expert investigators who uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. Every member of CIID recognizes the importance of a categorical use-of-force investigation and the impact it has on officers' careers and lives. They are dedicated to conducting a neutral, unbiased, fact finding investigation. To suggest that these detectives are part of a grand conspiracy to put police officers in jail, as espoused in Gary Ingemunson's article is ludicrous.

I would like to assure the men and women of our Department if you are involved in a categorical use-of-force, the incident will be investigated by highly qualified and competent detectives. Experienced OIS detectives are assigned to respond to every shooting incident as are experienced law enforcement related injury (LERI) detectives assigned to LERI investigations. New CIID detectives as well as former OIS and LERI detectives are in a constant training mode to enhance their previously acquired outstanding investigative skills. Finally, the report documenting the categorical use-of-force investigation is scrupulously examined in four levels of review prior to publication to ensure the investigation was complete, thorough, factual and unbiased.

The League has achieved tremendous accomplishments for the men and women of our Department. Many of those accomplishments, particular those protecting the rights of police officers are directly attributable to Hank Hernandez and Gary Ingemunson. I suggest to Hank and Gary if they want to change the system, attack the system, not the hard working professional men and women of our Department who are following the lawful orders of their superiors.

Rick Papke, Critical Incident Investigation Division

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Strengthening the Rights of Members and Our Union

SB 1516 (Romero, D, Los Angeles) rank-and-file peace officers who maliciously disregard the rights of others are always severely disciplined, often times terminated, and may even be criminally

prosecuted. Yet, this high standard does not apply to law enforcement managers. Currently, a manager can maliciously, with the intent to injure an officer, deprive the officer of his or her rights guaranteed by the Peace Officers Bill of Rights—and there is little by way of legal redress the officer can do.

Under current law, the officer is limited to petitioning the court for injunctive relief to prevent current and future POBR violations of these types. However, there are no sanctions in place against the department or agency, and the worst

thing that can happen to the employee is for a court to tell the employer, "Don't do that," after the aggrieved officer has often suffered years of financial, personal and professional harm.

SB 1516 was signed by the Governor and provides peace officers with the ability to protect their rights under POBR in a matter similar to the civil rights laws that allow private counsel for the plaintiff to act as attorneys' general in enforcing and protecting these statutory rights. SB 1516 provides that, in addition to injunctive relief, any public safe-

ty department or its employees or agents who willfully and maliciously violate an officer's POBR rights, may be liable for damages to the officer; a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 and attorney's fees.

This bill is a huge win for rank-and-file officers. We appreciate Senator Romero's efforts, the support of those who voted for the bill, and the support of Governor Davis in signing SB 1516 into law.

I'll have more details in my next column. SB 1516 was signed as Chapter 1156, Statutes of 2002.

LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE 2001- 2002 STATE LEGISLATIVE "HOT LIST" FINAL REPORT

| ISSUE | DESCRIPTION | 2002 – 03 STATE BUDGET | STATUS |
|------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| COPS Funding | Would reauthorize \$116 million state funding for "Cops on the Street" funded in 2001 Budget. | | Funded in 2002-03 Budget* |
| COPS Tech Grants | Would authorize \$18 million state funding for purchases of police equipment and technology. | | Funded in 2002-03 Budget* |
| EGTRRA | Would establish conformity with Federal Tax Law and enhance retirement plans. | | Signed into law Chaps.: 30,34,35 Statutes, 2002 |
| POBR | Would suspend reimbursements for POBR | | Defeated** |

*These budget appropriations were actively supported by the League.

** Actively opposed by LAPPL

ASSEMBLY BILLS

| BILL | AUTHOR | DESCRIPTION | LAPPL POSITION | BILL STATUS |
|---------|------------|--|--------------------|--|
| AB 74 | Washington | Extends and broadens wiretap law. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 605, Stats 2002 |
| AB 155 | Lowenthal | Adds 1 rank and file member to POST Commission. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Failed Passage |
| AB 196 | Correa | Eliminates "exposure" requirement for AIDS and hepatitis – workers comp presumption and fixes '37 Act disability problems. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 833, Stats 2001 |
| AB 215 | Cohn | Provides health care death benefits for family of slain officer. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch.775, Stats 2001 |
| AB 262 | Correa | Provides death benefit payments to pre-1990 family of slain officer. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 589, Stats 2001 |
| AB 352 | Runner | Fixes provisions regarding manufacture and import of undetectable knives. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 58, Stats 2002 |
| AB 415 | Runner | Establishes "Amber Alert" System | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 517, Stats 2002 |
| AB 673 | Migden | Expands forensic and DNA database. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch.906, Stats 2001 |
| AB 788 | Firebaugh | Expands racial profiling survey and imposes civil liability on peace officers. | Active Oppose | Failed Passage |
| AB 882 | Cedillo | Eliminates ability of POST to revoke certificates. | Sponsored by LAPPL | S. Public Safety |
| AB 1184 | Oropeza | Amends Meyers Milias Brown Act to protect peace officer representatives of employee bargaining units. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 788, Stats 2001 |
| AB 1790 | Goldberg | Would weaken "Three Strikes." | Active Oppose | Failed Passage |
| AB 1815 | Frommer | Authorizes issuance of anti-terrorism bonds. | Active Support | A. Appropriations |
| AB 1835 | Bates | Eliminates liability for peace officers handling a citizens arrest. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 526, Stats 2002 |
| AB 1838 | Hertzberg | Increases penalties for weapons of mass destruction. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 606, Stats 2002 |
| AB 1840 | Diaz | Eliminates certain "guard card" fees for peace officers. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 689, Stats 2002 |

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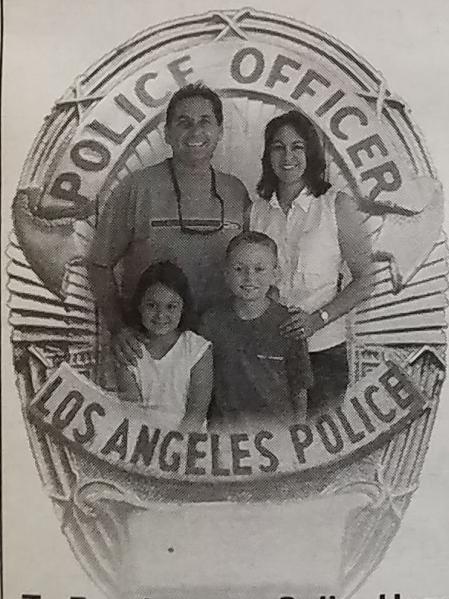
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| AB 1847 | Correa | Would create workers comp presumption for exposure to bio chemicals for peace officers. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 870, Stats 2002 |
| AB 1873 | Koretz | Limits discovery and disclosure of peace officer's personnel records. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 63, Stats 2002 |
| AB 1917 | Matthews | Authorizes off duty peace officers and retirees to carry weapons in any private facility. | Sponsored by LAPPL | S. Public Safety |
| AB 1944 | Wright | Would limit police officers powers of arrest. | Active Oppose | Failed Passage |
| AB 1982 | Bogh | Requires "4850" disability payments to be made within 30 days from officer's last paycheck. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 189, Stats 2002 |
| AB 2238 | Dickerson | Would extend DMV confidentiality for peace officers to voter registration, and tax assessor, and sanction disclosure of identity or address. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 621, Stats 2002 |
| AB 2423 | Cardenas | Requires notification of law enforcement personnel exposed to communicable diseases. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 342, Stats 2002 |
| AB 2460 | B. Campbell | Would authorize overbroad personnel background checks on peace officers. | Active Oppose | Failed Passage |
| AB 2499 | Frommer | Increase discovery and statute of limitations in child molestation | Active Support | S. Public Safety |
| AB 2661 | Pavley | Require registration of persons who were convicted of using or possessing destructive devices. | Sponsored by LAPPL | A. Appropriations |
| AB 2742 | Pavley | Eliminates funding restrictions of video surveillance for police and sheriffs. | Sponsored by LAPPL | S. Public Safety |
| AB 2846 | Frommer | Protects peace officers wearing an American flag pin or facsimile. | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 170, Stats 2002 |
| SENATE BILLS | | | | |
| SB 215 | Burton | Modifies tax check off for California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 274, Stats 2001 |
| SB 424 | Burton | Provides lower back workers comp presumption for "Sam Browne Syndrome." | Sponsored by LAPPL | Signed into Law Ch. 834, Stats 2001 |
| SB 448 | Perata | Eliminates "fireman's rule" for public safety personnel. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 140, Stats 2001 |
| SB 551 | Machado | Provides reimbursement to terrorist crime victims. Ch 346, Stats 2001 | Active Support | Signed into Law |
| SB 626 | Perata | Exempts manufacture of large capacity magazines for law enforcement. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 937, Stats 2001 |
| SB 730 | O' Connell | Expands college scholarship eligibility benefits for dependents of slain or disabled peace officer. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 806, Stats 2001 |
| SB 736 | Poochigian | Permanently establishes \$232 million COPS funding and provides for oversight of County Auditor. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 475, Stats 2001 |
| SB 905 | Perata | Prevents local agencies from forcing employee payroll deductions without bargaining agreement. | Active Support | Vetoed |
| SB 1307 | Haynes | Would limit police officer's powers of arrest. | Active Oppose | Failed Passage |
| SB 1350 | McPherson | Authorizes funding for anti-terrorism. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 612, Stats 2002 |
| SB 1356 | Murray | Film California First Program adds local law enforcement agencies for reimbursement. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 715, Stats 2002 |
| SB 1359 | Haynes | Would prevent employees of public agency from patriotic display of American flag. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch. 73, Stats 2002 |
| SB 1471 | Romero | Prohibits employers from using sick leave as basis for discipline or denial of promotion. | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch 1107 Stats 2002 |
| SB 1516 | Romero | Establishes civil liability for knowing violation of POBR | Active Support | Signed into Law Ch 1156 Stats 2002 |
| SB 1517 | Polanco | Weakens "Three Strikes" Law. | Active Oppose | Failed Passage |
| SB 1800 | Johannessen | Would establish Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act Ch. 226, Stats 2002 | Active Support | Signed into Law |

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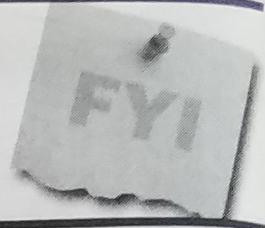
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Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

BADGE OF HONOR: An Insider's History of the Los Angeles Police Department

Meticulously researched over five years, this six hour video history takes the viewer inside the Los Angeles Police Department. From a crazy and Wild West town of the 19th Century to the challenges of a new millennium, we hear from patrolmen to chiefs, from a 101-year-old policeman to the newest recruit. Using rare photographs film clips and interviews, this exciting and entertaining series tells the history of the LAPD from within, from the men and women who made the history and who proudly wore the "Badge of Honor."

"Badge of Honor" is without a doubt the most complete history ever undertaken on the LAPD. Directed by Emmy award winner Carole Bultema, the wife of a retired LAPD officer, "Badge of Honor" takes the viewer from early LA in 1850 right up to the "New Millennium." During the making of this highly acclaimed documentary, Bultema traveled from Canada to San Diego to complete over 100 hours of interviews. These include all of the living chiefs of police since 1967, including Thomas Reddin, Ed Davis, Daryl Gates, Willie Williams and Bernard Parks, Mayor Vorty, several police officers from the 1920's, two of which were over 100 years old and a female LAPD pilot from the 1930's who was a close friend of Amelia Earhardt. Bultema taped ex-cop and author Joseph Wambaugh of the Onion Field fame, Mark Furhman and Tom Lang from the OJ Simpson case, Stacy Koon who served time thanks to the Rodney King incident and 45 other interesting personalities who helped shape the history of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Besides documenting the history of LAPD, the series is being sold to raise money through video sales for the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, a non-profit organization located in NE

Division. The museum is housed in the city's oldest surviving police station that was built in 1926. When completed, it will be a showcase for the history of the LAPD. Additionally, it will also house ongoing educational programs so that the citizens and especially the youth can better understand the role of police officers in the community.

The six-hour documentary is available in either VHS or DVD. The cost for the regular edition is \$79.95 or the limited editions set, which is \$249.95. Included with the collectors set is an additional video "Soldiers of Security," a film about LAPD shot in 1926. Also a set of all six LAPD badges neatly displayed in a Lucite case, a framed archival copy of an original LAPD photo, free membership for one year to the LAPHS and 10 percent off in the soon to open museum gift store. To order please call (323) 344-9445, stop by the museum at 6045 York Blvd., or go on-line at www.laphs.org. This is a once in a career opportunity to see 150 years of LAPD history, help a great cause and learn how the Los Angeles Police Department gained the reputation as the finest law enforcement organization in the world.

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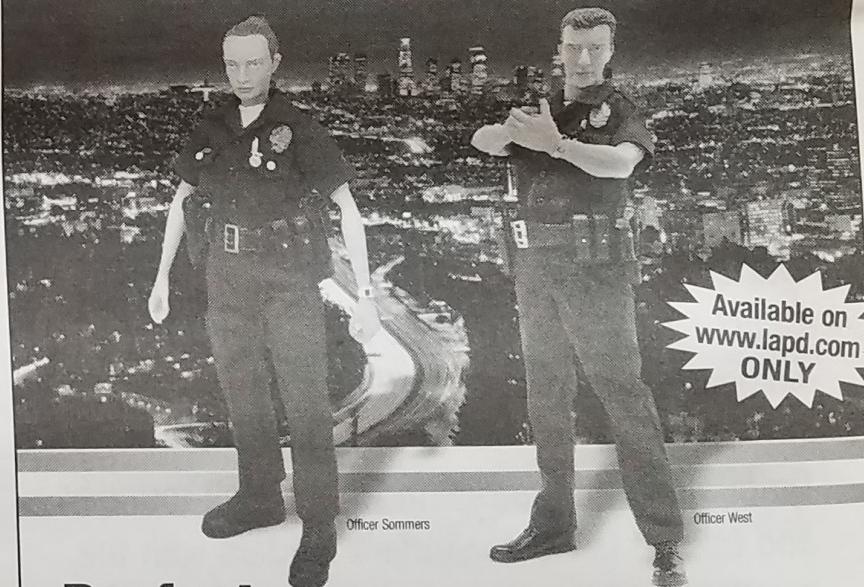
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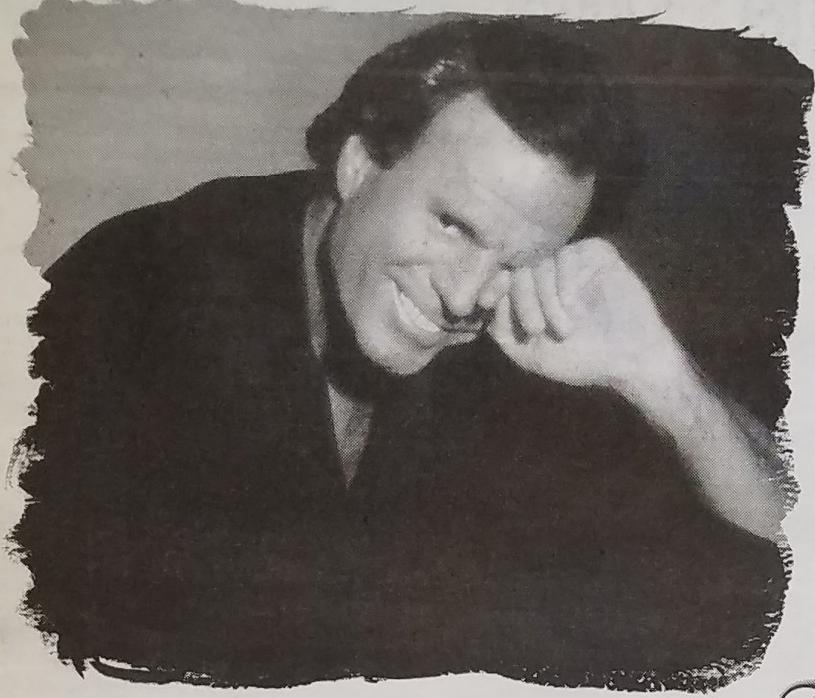
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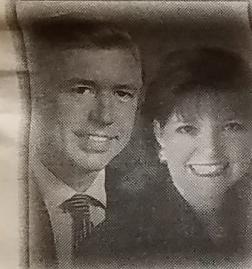
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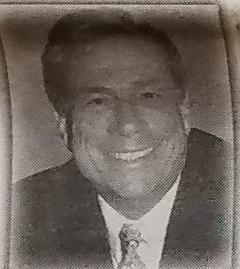
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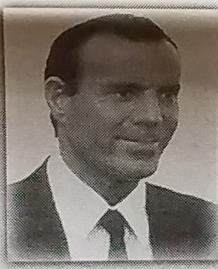
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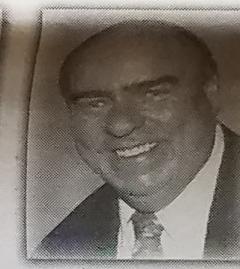
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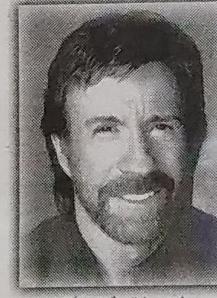
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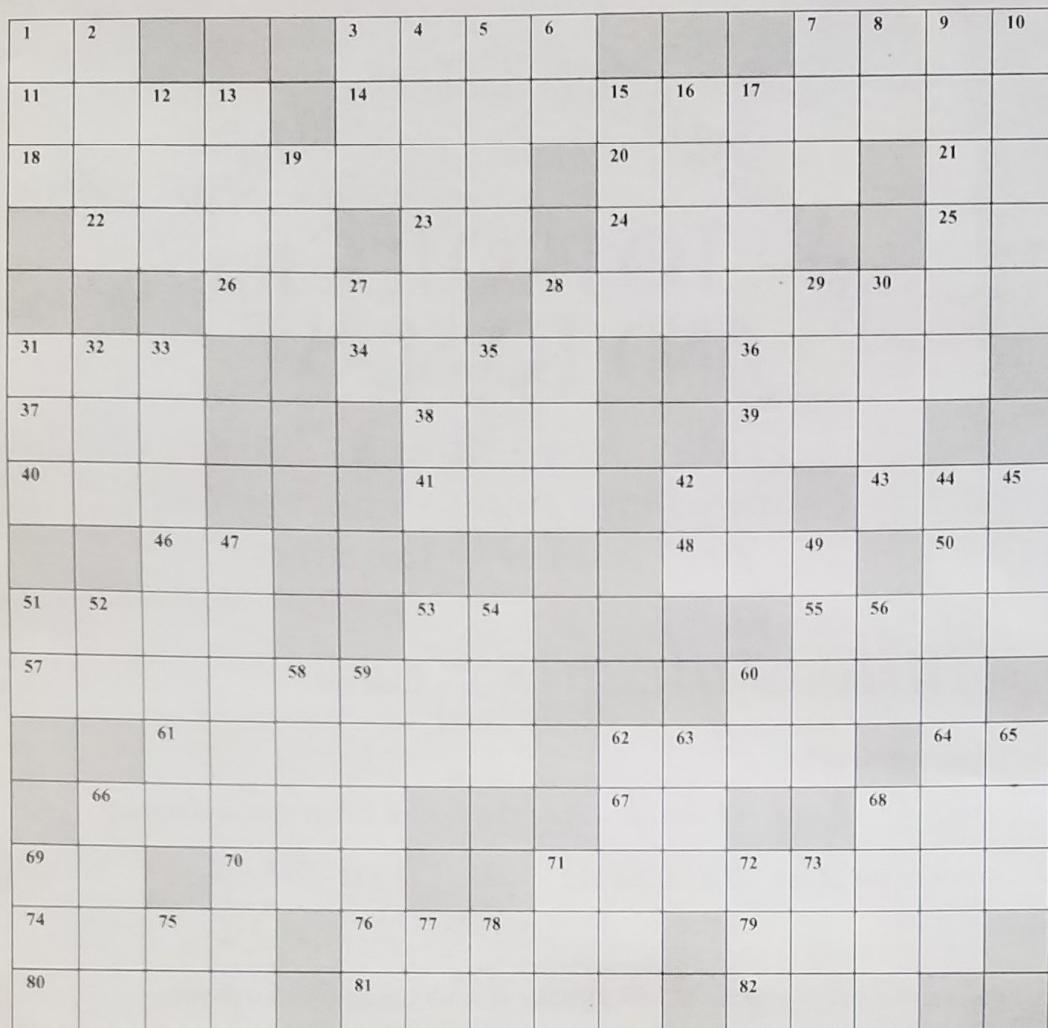
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- Hearst castle walkway perhaps.
- Carnival entrance fee?
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- Swedish car.
- Price reduction on jibs?
- Sun, to Jose.
- Hold on to.
- Golf term.
- Santa ___, California.
- Blvd. or st. crosser.
- Have debts.
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- Uncooked.
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- Air Support height, abbr.
- Cooling unit, abbr.
- On the ocean.
- 40th state.
- Nevada resort town.
- Wagging story?
- To yield or withdraw.
- Iran capital.
- Suit or brief.
- Academy torture, abbr.
- ____ Pyle, USMC.
- Short for hello.
- Citz. tow request.
- "You and ____ against the world."
- First ____ church.
- Rabbit fur?
- Indonesian island.
- ____ ___, so good.
- Farm building.
- Kazakh and Uzbek sea.
- A drink or bread.
- Clairvoyant ability.

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- U.K. flyers.
- Banned apple spray.
- Doctor's org.
- Naked hibernating omnivore?
- Seattle Mariner's Boone.
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- Pub drink.
- Dr. ___, 007 movie.
- Type of switch.
- Very angry.
- Apple or razzleberry.
- Minerals.
- Superboy's girl.
- K through 12, abbr.
- Swearing chicken?
- Govt. nutrition group.
- 49th state.
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- Three ____ match.
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- Broken window?
- Logical prefix.
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- Chief's right hand man, abbr.
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- Family room.
- Wynn or Meese.
- Giant ants movie.
- Capture.
- Type of tear gas.
- Map or organization plan.
- Ball or head prefix.
- The Wilshire pits.
- 1st, 2nd, or reverse.
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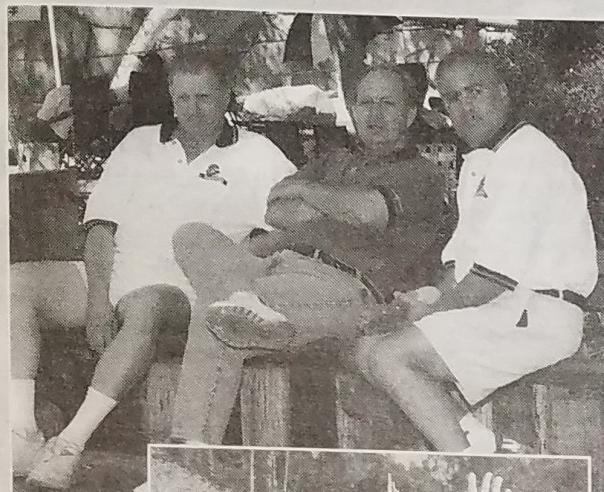
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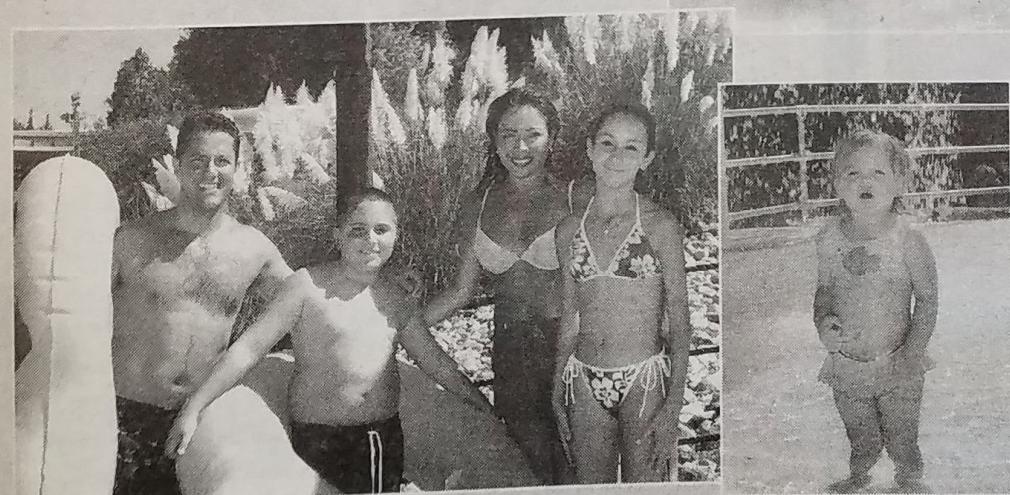
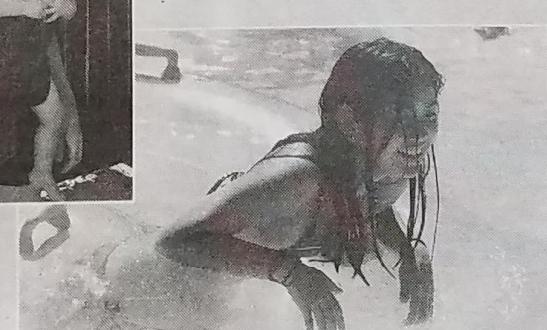
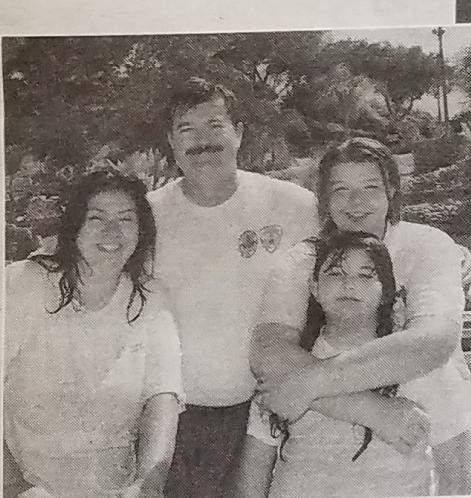
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Special Days

NOVEMBER 5, 2002 - Tuesday Election Day.

NOVEMBER 10, 2002 - The 227th birthday of the United States Marines. Always a great time at the American Legion, Newhall-Saugus Post #507, 24527 Spruce Street, Newhall, (805) 259-7507. You must wear something Marine Corps (baseball cap, collar emblem, T-shirt or a complete uni-

form). The party starts at 6:00 p.m. I'll see you there! Sunday-Nov. 10th!

NOVEMBER 11, 2002 - Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 14, 2002 - The Five Fighting Sullivans

NOVEMBER 15, 2002 - Police Remembrance Day

NOVEMBER 19, 2002 - Police Post #381 Regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20, 2002 - Police Emerald Society regular meeting at the ol' Academy at 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 24, 2002 - JJ & Julie Ann Leonard married 40 years

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DECEMBER 7, 2002 - Remembrance of "Remember Pearl Harbor"

DECEMBER 14, 2002 - 1st Marine Div. "Christmas Luncheon," 1100 hours, Encino Glen, \$25 @, c-"JJ"

Do Not Forget

I sat in a movie theater watching "Schindler's List" and asked myself, "Why didn't the Jews fight back?" Now I know why. I sat in a movie theater watching "Pearl Harbor" and asked myself, "Why weren't we prepared?" Now I know why. Civilized people cannot fathom, much less predict, the actions of such evil people.

On September 11th, dozens of capable airplane passengers allowed themselves to be overpowered by a handful of poorly armed terrorists because they did not comprehend the depth of hatred that motivated their captors. On September 11th, thousands of innocent people were murdered because too many Americans naively reject the reality that some nations are relentlessly dedicated to the dominance of others.

Many political pundits, pacifists and media personnel want us to forget the carnage. They say we must focus on the

bravery of the rescuers and ignore the cowardice of the killers. They implore us to "understand" the motivation of the perpetrators. Major television stations have announced they will "assist the healing process" by not replaying the devastating footage of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers.

I will not be manipulated. I will not pretend to understand. I will not forget! I will not forget the liberal media who abused freedom of the press to kick our country when it was vulnerable and hurting: I will not forget that CBS anchor Dan Rather preceded President Bush's address to the nation with the snide remark, "No matter how you feel about him, he is still our president." I will not forget that ABC TV anchor Peter Jennings questioned President Bush's motives for not returning immediately to Washington, D.C., and commented, "We're all pretty skeptical and cynical about Washington," and I will not forget that ABC's Mark Halperin warned if reporters weren't informed of every little detail of this war, they aren't "likely"—nor should they be expected—to show deference."

I will not isolate myself from my fellow Americans by pretending an attack on the USS Cole in Yemen was not an attack on the United States of America. I will not forget that the Clinton administration equipped Islamic terrorists and their supporters with the world's most sophisticated telecommunications equipment and encryption technology, thereby compromising America's ability to trace terrorist radio, cell phone, land lines, faxes and modern communications.

I will not be appeased with pointless,

quick retaliatory strikes like those by the previous administration. I will not be comforted by "feel-good, do nothing" regulations like the silly "Have your bags been under your control?" questions at the airport. I will not be influenced by so called "antiwar demonstrators" who exploit the right of expression to chant anti-American obscenities.

I will not forget the moral victory handed the North Vietnamese by American war protestors who reviled and spat upon the returning soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines. I will not be softened by the wishful thinking of pacifists who chose reassurance over reality.

I will embrace the wise words of Prime Minister Tony Blair who told the Labor Party conference, "They have no moral inhibition on the slaughter of the innocent. If they could have murdered not 7,000 but 70,000, does anyone doubt they would have done so and rejoiced in it? There is no compromise possible with such people, no meeting of minds, no point of understanding with such terror. Just one choice: defeat it or be defeated by it. And defeat it we must!"

I will force myself to: hear the weeping, feel the helplessness, imagine the terror, sense the panic, smell the burning flesh, experience the loss, remember their hatred. I sat in a movie theater, watching "Private Ryan" and asked myself, "Where did they find the courage?" Now I know. We have no choice. Living without liberty is not living. -Ed Evans, MGySgt, USMC (Ret.), not as lean, not as mean, but still a Marine.

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You've Gotta Love the Marines

"Yesterday, I took a horse-drawn carriage through the charming historic neighborhood that moviegoers will recognize from "The Big Chill," "The Great Santini," and "Prince of Tides." During the filming of the latter, Barbra Streisand apparently didn't endear herself to the locals. She rented one of the historic homes and promptly erected a 10-foot high fence, to deter the curious. Then, around 6:00 a.m. one morning she was awakened by the sounds of jets flying overhead from the nearby Marine air station (this being during the Gulf War).

Streisand then complained by phone to the local commanding officer and told him she didn't want it to happen again! He reportedly responded, "I'll see what I can do about it." The next morning, the jets roared over at 5:00 a.m. (From *Scuttle-Butt*, SMDA, Vol. 14)

Last Post Meeting

At our last meeting, in attendance were: **J.J. Leonard, Hal Yarnell, Marshal Maydeck, Frank Ortiz, Dennis Denoi, Bill Zimmerman, Gail Tam, Bob Reeves, Emmett Drennen, Clinton Erickson, Rob Welborn, Mike Regan, George Aguilar, Sam Mells, Frank Torres, Ira Allen, Richard Kalk** and guests District 17 Commander John Bartos and a member from Post 43, John Baune.

For years now, our post has supported the Valley Forge Workshop where we send school teachers back to Valley Forge for a week of furthering their American history. This year we supported two teachers and received the following correspondence from them:

Dear Police Post 381,

I wanted to thank you all for providing me with the opportunity to learn more about the history of our nation. The experience is one that I will remember always and be able to share with students and others.

If it is possible, I hope the American Legion can continue to educate the teachers of this nation. We need to more effectively instill patriotism in the hearts of children. What better way for anyone to learn than to learn with hands-on experiences like I had at Valley Forge.

Thank you again for your efforts!

Sincerely, Shannon Wilkins

Dear Police Post #381,

I wanted to thank you for sponsoring me to go to Valley Forge and spend a week in what we participants called "History Boot Camp." Our interpreter, Paul Sanborn, was fantastic! He taught me wonderful and insightful things about the American Revolution. He took us to open battlefields and interpreted the battles and while doing so it seemed as if the battle was actually going on!

It was a wonderful, educational opportunity and I'm so excited to pass it onto my students. From the trip, I gained a greater appreciation for my country and I hope to pass it along and instill it in my students.

I also hope to be able to attend another "Boot Camp" in Boston next year to learn more about the beginnings of the war. I understand Shannon and I will meet with some of you at the luncheon in November. I'm looking forward to it.

Thanks again! Gina Knecht

The winners of the raffle were: **Marshal Maydeck** won a bottle of Crème de Menthe, **Hal Yarnell** won a puzzle, **Dennis Denoi** won a bottle of Gin Martini and **Hal Yarnell** (didn't he win before?) won a bottle of Glenlivet! Well, if you were there, you might have won. You'll never know.

The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is November 19, 2002, at Panorama City Post #817, our home away from home, 13553 Reedley Ave., Panorama City, (818) 781-2261. The normal \$5 donation for dinner will not be requested. It's "Old Timers Night." No charge for dinner. Enjoy good fellowship with fellow officers both active and retired. If you were at the last meeting, then I do not have to tell you how good the food was. If Richard Kalk keeps up the good work, we might have to keep him as 2nd Vice.

For information on the meeting, please call the newly installed Commander **Richard Ledesma** or maybe you should call the First Lady Elvia Ledesma at (323) 478-0934 or Adjutant **Frank Ortiz** at (626) 331-4271. Last, but not least, call the editor, "JJ", (818) 992-1414.

If you have moved, please inform us of your new address!! ♦

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puter users to physically securing computers and network devices to implementing firewalls, biometric authentication technologies and other sophisticated security measures. System security and vulnerabilities are also discussed in terms of specific operating systems and application software, with instructions for securing Windows, UNIX/Linux, Macintosh and mainframe systems as well as discussion of how to protect wireless networks.

For those of us fascinated by how computer criminals are tracked down, the book talks about cybercrime detection, exploring the techniques used by digital detectives and showing readers how to recognize possible system compromise and even how to track down cybercriminals by understanding email headers and tracing domain names and IP addresses. IP spoofing (*forging of the "return address"*) and other anti-detection techniques used by cybercriminals are discussed, as well.

While not too technical, the book talks about the nitty-gritty of the computer crimes investigator's work: collecting and preserving digital evidence. I was surprised to learn that "data doesn't leave" – at least, not as easily as computer users believe. You'll find out how "deleted" and "erased" data can be recovered, even from hard disks that have been formatted or repartitioned. You'll also find out all the places on a system where data hides – from the

well-known places such as web caches, history folders and temp files to obscure locations such as NTFS alternate data streams and "slack space" on the disk.

One chapter discusses how disk imaging is used to make exact, working replicas of disks so as not to damage or destroy the original evidence, how data can be intercepted when traveling across a network, and the special forensics software and equipment that make the investigator's life and job a little easier. For the detective in all of us, the book, discusses building the case for court. This chapter goes into the ways in which cybercrimes differ from other types of offenses.

Some readers may be hesitant to tackle a 700+ page book that deals with such highly technical subjects. The great thing about this one is that the author has somehow managed to make it all readable – even enjoyable. The information in this book should also be of interest to anyone who ever ventures into the online world, or knows someone who does. Increasingly, at LAPD, that means all of us. While I confess I didn't have the time to read every page, I read many more pages than I expected to. The book is easy to follow and very intriguing for any law enforcement person wanting to know more about how to deal effectively with the surging tide of cybercrime.

For more information about the book, see <http://www.sceneofthecybercrime.com> or e-mail Deb at deb@shinder.net. ♦

Weiss wrote in his Plan, we also need to "conduct full scale live action drills" on how to deal with WMD incidents. We need classroom instruction and then hands-on drills and practice.

Part of our motto "protecting those who protect others" includes bringing important safety issues to your attention. It also means that we will fight for funding to provide training. I am so glad that Councilman Weiss is on board and leading the way with this important effort.

Commemorative "9-11" Poster

The New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association (NJ State PBA) commissioned well known artist Salvatore Asaro to create a painting honoring the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center towers.

The painting has been printed on heavy stock into full color poster sized prints. They are for sale through the NJ State PBA "9-11" Prints, 158 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, phone 732-636-8860. NJ State PBA is connected with the Police Protective League through our affiliation with the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). The prints are \$12.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

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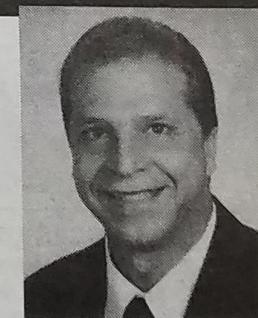
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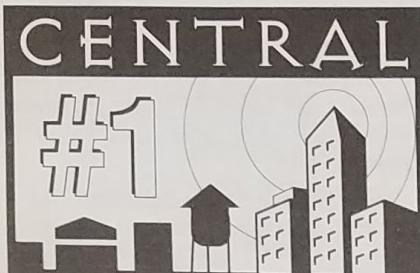
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Central Division

Picnic Fun

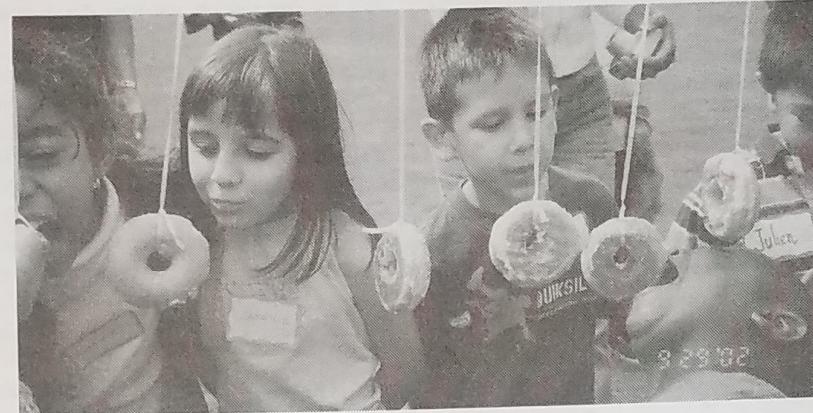
Central's picnic was a really big show this year. We had an overwhelming response with over 700 people attending who spent their day off having a wonder-



Captain JR Rubert in the dunk tank.

ful time with their family and co-workers on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. There was tons of food, fun, and games that were enjoyed by all. The kids were able to participate in all kinds of special events and game booths, from winning goldfish, participating in the tug of war and potato sack races, to the donut-eating contest.

Everyone who helped out did an incredible job. A special thanks goes to



Donut-eating contest.

civilian's Kathy Susim and Priscilla Chavez for their hard work organizing this very successful event.

On behalf of the men, women and families of the Central Community Police Station, we would like to thank Six-Flags Magic Mountain for allowing Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck to be present at our Annual Picnic.

These characters withstood summer heat and made hundreds of children happy during photo opportunities and personal interactions.

Central City Police Boosters Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual Booster Golf Tournament is the sole fundraising event of the year to gather the money necessary to fund many of the educational and cultural outings that Central Area's youth so desperately need. Organized by the Community Relations and Vice office, over 70 of Central's Downtown businesspersons and officers participated in this fun filled day of golf. I

am happy to say that over \$4,000.00 was raised for the Explorer, Juvenile

Impact and Deputy Auxiliary Police (DAP) programs.

BBQ Czars

Special thanks goes to Senior Lead Officer **Larry Pratt** and Officer **George Nagata** for their tireless efforts on organizing and cooking at the BBQ, during the Triathlon, and on the 2nd floor at Central Station. With the help of many of their co-workers, both fellow officers and civilians, they were able to raise \$1100.00 for our station fund. The monies raised for our station fund helps defer the cost of the annual picnic and the Christmas Party. There



Los Angeles business leaders express their support.

is a tremendous amount of work that goes into the preparation and cooking

for the BBQ's. Thanks Larry and George for your dedication and commitment to your fellow officers at Central. I hear that you guys are trying to pass along the spatula...Do we have any takers???

Kudos

On 8-12-02, at approx 2350 hours, Central Division Officers Armando #35146 and Pettinato #35704, observed a male suspect driving a white Chevy truck. Officers had received a recent broadcast of a 211/GTA in which the truck was stolen at gunpoint. A records check revealed that it was listed as armed and dangerous. When the officers initiated their siren and forward facing red lights in an attempt to stop the vehicle, a pursuit ensued. The pursuit went more than 18 miles and lasted approx. 30 minutes, terminating in at a 7/11 convenience store in Glendale. Once there, the driver and passenger exited the vehicle and ran into the 7/11. The passenger before entering the 7/11 reached inside the vehicle and pulled out a black shotgun with a pistol grip. The shotgun had a hard plastic sleeve with several additional rounds of ammunition. Both the driver and passenger barricaded themselves in the 7/11 and took the night clerk hostage.

SWAT officers responded, deployed on the location. At approx 0300 hours, after hostage negotiating failed, a round was fired from within the 7/11. Believing that the hostage was being harmed, SWAT officers made entry and took the defendants into custody. The night clerk was unharmed.

Officers Armando and Pettinato are commended for their excellent observation skills and a job well done.

It's a GIRL!!!

Congratulations to Sgt. James Baker and his wife on their arrival of their beautiful baby girl on September 30th, Kimi Nicole, 21 inches, weighing 10 lbs 9 ounces.

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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

Congratulations go out to Det. **Lillie Zemones** for Detective of the Quarter, Sgt. **Teresa Wilson** for Sergeant of the Quarter, **Darrell Davis** for Officer of the Quarter and **Stacy Ball** for Civilian of the Quarter.

Phil Morritt retired in August after more than 30 years of distinguished service. Phil moved to Northern California, the Bay Area. The retirement luncheon was well attended at the Lamplighter Restaurant. All the best, Mr. Morritt!

October is Domestic Violence Month. Det. **Bernie Pullium** is being honored by the city council for his outstanding detective work investigating domestic violence. Congratulations, Bernie!

An "Unofficial Weight Loss Contest" has been started here in Van Nuys Division with approximately 11 participants. The competitor that loses the most weight by December 31st wins. Suddenly photos of fast food are posted around the office. What a strategy.

Sgt. **Rich Thomas** just ended his tour of OSD Detectives and is now the Van

Nuys Assistant Watch Commander. Det. **Erwin Velasco** ended his tour working as Assistant Watch Commander and is back as the DIII of the burglary table. Both Rich and Erwin participated in the department's cross-training program.

Congratulations to three of Van Nuys' golfers who took 3rd place low net at the LAPPL's 20th Annual Golf Tournament at Porter Valley Ranch on September 9, 2002. They had a net score of 53. Congratulations to Sgt. **Randy Hoffmaster**, Officer **Jim Rigney** and Officer **Steve Markow**. (See photo coverage on page 34.)

Officer **Jim Rigney** and Officer **Tom Bibbs** have put their annual elk hunting trip together, scheduled for the first two weeks of December. This year, nine additional hunters will join and leave for the beautiful state of Colorado the day of Thanksgiving. The additional hunters are **Ed Evans** (VNYS), **Steve Markow** (VNYS), **Ron Carpenter** (Retired, VNYS), **Bob Denton** (Retired, VNYS), **Bob White** (VTD Motors), **Dave Moye** (HWD Dets.), **Gary Thielfoldt** (San Bernardino Sheriff), **Tom Rigney** (CHP Susanville) and **Richard McClaud** (School Police). Happy hunting!

Copper Capers

On September 27, 2002, Officers **Al Gutierrez** (32545) and **Ralph Emard** (34634) were working bicycle patrol in Woolly Park, a known location for loitering and drinking in the park. Officers were southbound through the park when they observed five gang members hanging around a park bench. Officers observed beer on the table. As officers approached on their bikes, the

gang members quickly moved to a tree. One of them placed a can of beer on the ground next to a tree, at the same time another suspect attempted to conceal an unknown black object down at the same tree. Officers ordered the suspects to line up with their hands on their heads away from the tree for officer safety. Officer Gutierrez walked to the tree and discovered the butt of a gun protruding from a black beanie cap. Officer Gutierrez alerted his partner, requested backup and ordered the suspects into a felony prone position. Upon arrival of additional units, the suspects were taken into custody without incident. Subsequent investigation by the officers and the Special Enforcement Unit revealed the suspects were all members of the MS gang. Outstanding work!

Baby News

Little Tyler Duane Schube was born



on July 8, weighing 4 lbs., 14 oz. Dad, **Scott Schube**, and mom, **Anna Schube** (works Wilshire) are the happy parents.

On July 23, baby **Jordan David Sibayan** was born to **Jasmin** and Det. **Matt Sibayan**. Jordan weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to the proud parents.

Wedding Bells

We hear that Officer **Tamara Myers** recently got married. Officer **Chris Barlow** also got married. Hopefully we can get some photos and more information for next month's article.

Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: Det. **I K. Stogsdill**, #27548; PI **S. Anderson**, #36153; PI **D. Lange**, #36173; PI **J. Shoemaker**, #36192; PI **E. Zasueta**, #36199.

Leaving: Sgt. **I S. Fairchild**, #27583 (to Devonshire); Sgt. **I P. Cronin**, #24041 (to West Valley); PII **C. Merrin**, #35944 (to CTD); PII **L. Brown**, #33598 (to STD); PII **S. Soto**, #30608 (to Valley Bureau); PII **T. Criswell**, #35369 (to West Valley).

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Out of the Great Southwest

by Sharon McTiernan
Southwest Division

Hello again. I hope you are all doing well and staying safe out there!

Fire at Southwest Station

It seems we had a little excitement at Southwest last week when the station caught on fire. The generator in the basement caught on fire setting all kinds of alarms off, which resulted in the station being evacuated. It was really quite a sight to see all the fire trucks, officers and prisoners standing in the parking



(L to R): Capt. Smith, Sgt. Engendal, Capt. Eutsey, Det. Arroyo, Sgt. Faulk and P-3 Diamond.

lot. Thankfully our wonderful brothers and sisters at LAFD extinguished the fire quite quickly and all was back to normal at Southwest Station.

Employees of the Third Quarter for 2002

Congratulations to the following Southwest Area personnel who were selected as Southwest Area Employees of the Third Quarter of 2002: Civilian of the Quarter – Police Service Representative Cheryl Allen-Stallworth; Supervisor of the Quarter – Sgt. II James Nolan;



(L to R): Sgt. Rivers, Sgt. Dougherty, P-2 Deng, P-2 Azpeitia, P-2 Albert and Det. Honore.

Detective of the Quarter – Det. II David Garrido; and Officer of the Quarter – P.O. III Michael Messenger. Congratulations to you all!

New Arrival

Congratulations to Det. James Yoshida and his wife, Joanne, on the birth of their second child, Emily Yoshida, who was born on October 2, 2002. Little Emily weighed in at 5 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19 inches long!

Ins/Outs of Southwest

Welcome to the following officers: Sgt. Probst from PAC, Det. Caraveo from HOBK, Det. Dean from RMD,

Det. Garcia from HOBK, P-2 Ceja from TBD, P-2 Gillani from WLA, P-1 Morales, P-1 Alvarez, P-1 Farrell, P-1 Rogers and P-1 Sanchez. Welcome to Southwest, guys!

And finally we say goodbye to the following officers: Det. Ventura is off to HWD, Sgt. Sandoz is crossing the street to WIL, Det. Abad is going to DHD, Det. Barragan went to HOBK, Officer Tyler went to HAR, Officer Sanchez went to NE and finally Officer Henderson went to STD.

Here are some pictures from the Southwest annual picnic that I didn't get a chance to put in. From left to right: Sgt. Rivers, Sgt. Dougherty, P-2 Deng, P-2 Azpeitia, P-3 Albert, and Det. Honore. And on the winning team we have Capt. Smith, Sgt. Engendal, Capt. Eutsey, Det. Arroyo, Sgt. Faulk, and P-3 Diamond.

Celebrity at Southwest

Our own Andre Plummer from Southwest Division is currently on the TV series "The Amazing Race." You can see him on Wednesday nights on CBS at 8pm. ♦

Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Farewell Message

After being at Pacific for 7-1/2 years, I finally decided the 405 Freeway is just too much for me. I recently transferred to Operations-Valley Bureau and am working in the Admin. Support Unit. I have enjoyed my years at Pacific and have had many great opportunities there. I have worked with some wonderful people and am taking this opportunity to THANK THEM!

Marlene, for your participation, your experience, and your time on; Jim, for your animation, your vibrancy, and your wealth of information; Wayne, for your sense of humor, your "ideas," and your holiday prizes; Christine, for your sincerity, your support, and your laughter; Brenda, for your hard work, your smile, and your awesome time keeping; Sgt. Glodery, for knowing everything; Luz, for your kind words, your smile,

and your enthusiasm; Capt. Graves, for your stories, your "pizzazz" and your knowledge of "Wally World"; Pete (Waack), for your tranquil attitude, your knowledge and your willingness to teach; Cindy, for your candor, your writing ability, and your love of life; De De, for your dependability, your effort, and your thoughtfulness; Rayney, for your hard work, your insight, and your laugh; Mark, for your guidance, your humor, and your practical jokes; Capt. Hillman, for your support, your stories, and your desire for always wanting the best for your officers; April, for your



For my last article, I just had to put in a picture of my boys: Dylan 19 mos., an Austin 4 yrs.

smile, your personality, and your competence...thanks; Margaret, for your laugh, your recommendation, and your hard work (woman of many hats); and last, but not least, Lt. Mossler, for your

trust, your sarcasm, your support, your excellent aim of water balloons, your concern, and your sense of humor. You are the "ideal supervisor," always treating everyone with respect and compassion. You are the kind of supervisor people not only want to work for, but want to work HARD for. I sincerely hope I have the opportunity to work with you again. To everyone else, thanks for the memories. I'm sure I will see you again soon as we work our way up the chain. April and Mark will be taking over the "Pacific Breeze" article, so if you want something submitted, see April in the Admin. Officer. Take care, and stay safe!

Little Girls Are "IN"

Congratulations goes out to Sgt. Mark Pompano, his wife Kara, and daughter (new big sister) Alyssa, on the newest member of the family, "Haley Elizabeth." She was born on September 11, 2002, at 0250 hours, and weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 oz.

Congratulations also to Det. Luz Glorioso (and husband Larry) on the birth of baby "Maya Christine" on September 15, 2002. She arrived at 1159 hours, weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Luz and Larry are lacking sleep, but very happy!

Movin' Up

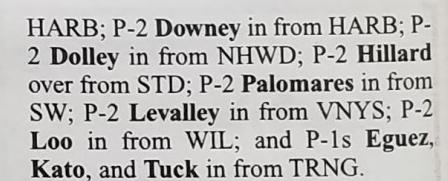
Congratulations goes out to the following people who recently promoted: Sgt. Goddard who went to SE, Sgt. Kearney who went to FTHL, Sgt. Probst, who went to SW, and P-3 Kahoe, who remains here at Pacific.

Movin' In

We welcome the following people who have recently transferred into Pacific: D-2 Bowie from FCD; D-1 Robles over from 77th; D-1 Porter in from CB; P-3 Thompson in from



Luz Glorioso shows off her bundle of joy: "Maya Christine," born 9/15/02.



HARB; P-2 Downey in from HARB; P-2 Dolley in from NHWD; P-2 Hillard over from STD; P-2 Palomares in from SW; P-2 Levalley in from VNYS; P-2 Loo in from WIL; and P-1s Eguez, Kato, and Tuck in from TRNG.

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who recently left Pacific: D-2 Guzman who went to ND; D-1 Villa and Sgt. Vidal who went to NEWT; D-1 Santillan who went to HARB; D-1 Hay who went to ND; and P-2 Howell who went to RED. Best wishes to everyone.

(Editor's note: Thanks to Cheri for bringing the Pacific Divisional Report to life every month, with insight and optimism. We will miss your reporting. Good luck.) ♦

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by Ron Granados
Narcotics Division

For the last couple of months I have not had a chance to complete the monthly article, so I have a lot of information this month in order to catch up on the divisional happenings.

Around the Division

We have a lucky grand prize winner assigned to Narcotics Division. Det. II **J. R. Rodriguez** won the grand prize for the annual March of Dimes Opportunity Drawing.

Clerk Typist **Vivian Gillette** is a 20-year member of the Los Angeles Police Department and is currently assigned to Valley Bureau FES. On October 1, 2002, Vivian was recognized by Councilman Hal Bernson for her hard work and dedication to the citizens she serves in the San Fernando Valley. Congratulations to Vivian for service to the city of Los Angeles from everyone in Narcotics Division.

Narcotics Division Summer Picnic

This year Narcotics Division Station Fund sponsored a family picnic at Knott's Berry Farm. The event was well attended by divisional personnel. There were games and activities to occupy the families that attended. The food was plentiful and tasty. Because of the success of the picnic, there will probably be another picnic next year. It was a relaxing event, which included admission into the amusement park. Thank you for your support and attendance with this event.

Divisional Ins and Outs

The division continues to grow with detectives/officers coming into the division in deployment period #8 and #9. DP#8 transfers were Lt. **Montgomery**, #23372; Lt. **Savalla**, #17872; D-2 **Ban-**

croft, #27564; D-1 **Loya**, #26054; D-1 **Valdes**, #30017; P-3 **Grabb**, #32649; P-3 **Larsen**, #33038; P-3 **Lewis**, #31622; P-3 **Monarrez**, #32685; P-3 **Orozco**, #31243; P-2 **Beard**, #31404; and P-2 **Jordan**, #30895. Those promoting and leaving in DP#8 were Lt. **Dyer**, #21750, to Air Support Division; P-2 **Amoroso**, #31274, to 77th as a D-1; P-2 **McManus**, #33931, to Harbor as D-1, and P-2 **Moreno**, #30843, to Southwest as a D-1. Internal movement included Lt. **Ramirez**, #16962, from Central Bureau Unit to NIN, Lt. **Normandy**, #17397, from NIN to NAU, D-3 **McConnell**, #21536, from Valley Bureau Unit to West Bureau Unit and D-2 **Romero**, #2419, from LA IMPACT to the LAX Squad.

In DP#9, another allotment of detectives and officers entered the ranks of Narcotics Division. Those arriving this DP are D-1 **Flynn**, #27982; D-1 **Hay**, #30771; D-1 **Honore**, #25892; D-1 **Morales**, #30184; D-1 **Morishmia**, #25428; P-3 **Fenstemacher**, #32641; P-3 **Owens**, #32795; P-3 **Pulido**, #32694; P-3 **Shelby**, #30009; P-3 **Williams**, #34507; P-3 **Williams**, #30207; P-2 **Rubalcava**, #35327; P-2 **Tam**, #34437; P-3 **Andrade**, #32517; and MA-1 **Vernaci**, #V9583. Internal movement for DP#9 were Lt. **Jackson** loaned to OCVD, D-2 **Flynn** returned from a loan at RHD and will be assigned to NIN, D-2 **Hernandez**, #25321, from Central Bureau Unit to SIT, D-1 **Hanabusa**, #30828, from South Bureau Unit to Central Bureau Unit, D-1 **Struble**, #23097, from the Lab Squad to Parcel Squad, P-3 **Romas** from K-9 to Valley Complaint Detail, P-2 **Solis**, #30920, from South Bureau Unit to Central Bureau Unit, P-2 **Saragueta**, #32806, from West Bureau Unit to South Bureau Unit and Clerk Typist **Galicia**, G8441, from Lab Squad to South Bureau Unit.

In DP#10 we continued to receive detectives and police officers into the division. D-II **Guzman**, #30393; D-1 **Fungaroli**, #31960; D-1 **Ramirez**, #31075; D-1 **Conner**, #27759; D-1 **Ruiz**, #30526; D-1 **Worrell**, #27178; D-1 **McNeal**, #25909; D-1 **Ray**, #3112; P-3 **Garcia**, #32362; P-2 **Vizcarra**, #33291.

Baker to Vegas

Just a reminder to ND personnel, we

will be working to put a running team together for the upcoming Baker to Vegas Relay.

The S. S. La Mer and Vessel Assist

Narcotics Division Sgt. **Bob Clark**, on his maiden voyage, and experienced Narcotics Division Skipper Lt. **Mark**



Artist's conception of the rescue operations of the La Mer by Vessel Assist.

Savalla, recently returned from the "shake down" voyage of Savalla's new boat, the S. S. La Mer. In what was originally planned to be a trip departing Ventura Harbor at 0445 hours and arriving at Cat Harbor 12 hours later, the weather, the seas, and mechanical difficulties turned against our courageous

mariners and hampered their efforts to traverse the channel to Catalina Island. Seventeen hours later, there they were: cold, hungry, and tired, 80 miles into their trip and dead in the water a mile away from Catalina Island.

After a series of expletives lodged against Mother Nature, our courageous Skipper Savalla elected to use the mechanical power of his vessel; it wouldn't start. After continuous streams of expletives and the use of brute force and ignorance, the vessel still would not start. In the interim, during the trials and tribulations of the voyage, Bob Clark was heard to be whispering, "Sailing is fun, sailing is relaxing" in a monastic chant.

Failing in the endeavor to start the engine, the inability to harness the wind (since there wasn't anything blowing but hot air), our courageous skipper used his maritime radio to call Vessel Assist (on a radio preset at that) to tow his ill-fated boat to Catalina Harbor.

Of course, Bob Clark, in his foresight and wisdom, had previously made arrangements to return to San Pedro on a sea-worthy vessel, the Catalina Express. Skipper Savalla isn't forthcoming with any information on his return voyage on the newly rechristened S. S. La Mierda. It is said that Savalla is contemplating the sale of his newly acquired Lucy and Ricky collectible dolls to fund the repair of his boat. Number one on his list of purchases is a marine battery charger. Needless to say, the Commanding Officer of Narcotics Division has not approved Savalla's request for transfer to the Narcotics Division Marine Squad. ♦

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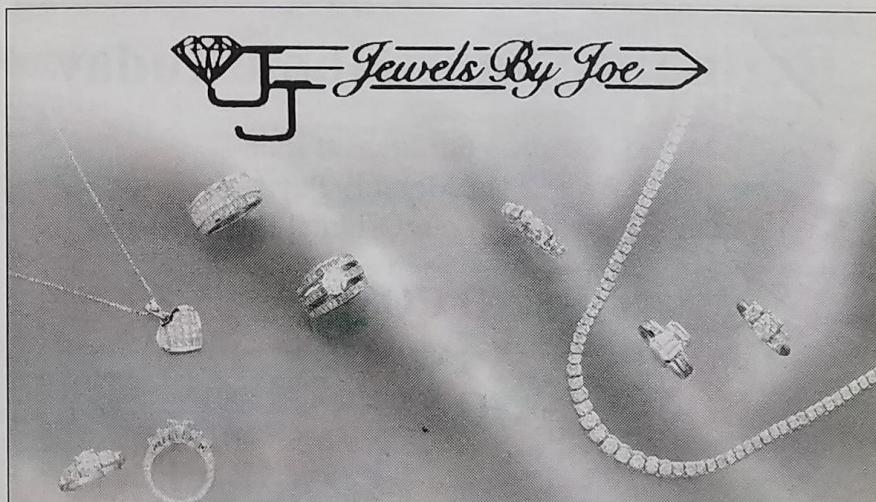
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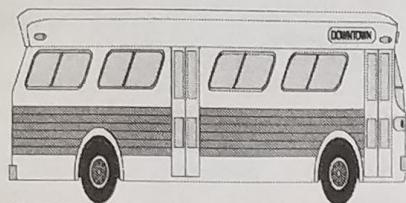
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



TRANSIT BUS

by Art Antonio
Transit Bus Division

Commendable Caper

On September 22, 2002, Officers **Mark Gordon**, #34086, and **Tadd Robinette**, #31523, were assigned to 6TR35 conducting a location check at the LAX Transit Center on 96th and Vicksburg. A female bus operator waved officers down. She directed the officers to a 415 man. Officers requested the individual's consent to search his belongings, which he granted. Interesting items were discovered in the individual's backpack. They are as follows: two bottles containing isopropyl alcohol, a plastic bag containing alcohol soaked rags, two notepads that outlined how to behave 5150, American Airline information, aircraft diagrams, nuclear symbols, and nuclear/chemical information. DHD and ATD were both notified and advised that FBI be contacted. FBI (LAX) responded and took the individual into custody. Great job guys.

All In a Day's Work

Due to their hard work, tireless efforts and extensive surveillance, TBD's own "GHOST" unit was able to arrest a highly active Northeast "tagger." This subject (who once applied to be a TBD Explorer) was linked to over \$20,000 worth of damages to MTA buses and local businesses. The subject was able to sneak into MTA bus divisions and vandalize buses with acid. GHOST officers with a search warrant in hand raided the subject's residence and recovered more evidence. GHOST was able to get a filing on the subject for 14 felonies and 10 misdemeanors. What more can I say but keep doing what you're doing. Great job to all those involved. Keep up the good work.

Officer of the Quarter

The mission of Transit Bus Division (TBD) is to provide the finest professional law enforcement services possible to employees and passengers of both Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and contracted municipal bus carriers running throughout the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, it is with great pride that the Command Staff of Transit Group acknowledges the efforts of P.O. III **Evan Guevarra**, #34091. Officer Guevarra possesses extensive knowledge and expertise on "taggers" and the subculture associated with these destructive groups. He has greatly contributed to reduce the millions of dollars in

annual costs of cleaning and repairing LACMTA buses and rail conveyances. Therefore, it is with great pride that the Command Staff of Transit Group acknowledges the effort of Officer Guevarra and reward him by designating him as TBD Officer of the Second Quarter of 2002. Not only do you get a photo of you hanging in the Roll Call room, you get a closer and a reserve parking spot. Must be nice. Keep up the great job.

Supervisor of the Quarter

The mission of Transit Bus Division (TBD) is to provide the finest professional law enforcement services possible to employees and passengers of both Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and contracted municipal bus carriers running throughout the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, it is with great pride that the Command Staff of Transit Group acknowledges the efforts of Sgt. II **William Eddens**, #25954. Sgt. Eddens brings his training material to life by demonstrating a true interest in those whom he is instructing, drawing in students with real life experience and allowing others to include their own thoughts and accounts on the topic. Sgt. Eddens personifies the Department Core Value, "quality through continuous improvement." Therefore, it is with great pride that the Command Staff of Transit Group acknowledges the effort of Sgt. II Eddens and reward him by designating him as TBD Supervisor of the Second Quarter of 2002.

Civilian of the Quarter

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(TBD) is to provide the finest professional law enforcement services possible to employees and passengers of both Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and contracted municipal bus carriers running throughout the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, it is with great pride that the Command Staff of Transit Group acknowledges the efforts of Management Aide **Gloria Alvarez**, #E8789. It is with great pride that the Command Staff of Transit Group acknowledges the efforts of Management Aide Alvarez and reward her by designating her as TBD Civilian of the Second Quarter of 2002.

Engagement Notice

Well guys, sorry to say but Officer **Gina** "heartbreaker" **Leandro** accepted a marriage proposal to Montebello Police Officer Iglesias. They will be tightening the noose...OOPS, I mean tying the knot in March of 2003. I wish you both the best.

Looking To Replace Me

Well my time here at TBD is coming soon to an end. I'm not sure how long I have here at TBD, but I'm looking for someone to replace me when I do transfer out. If any TBD officer(s) is interested, please see me. I would like to keep TBD in the Blue Line.

Oh, Sgt. **Allen**, if you're reading this, thank you for the card, sir. It was my pleasure writing about your achievements on the job.

Oh well until next time... May you and your family have a great Thanksgiving.

Our Warmest Thoughts

Recently we have had a rash of officer-involved T/C's with our motor officers. We wish Officers **Michael Bohlen**, **Ray Hernandez** and **Efren Acosta** a speedy recovery.

Fitness

The West Traffic smallest waistline award goes out to Officer **Hilton Henry** who measured an incredible 25"



Officer Henry & DeAnda.



Officer DeAnda dares to fight the cliche.

waistline. The runner up and possibly second only by default is Officer **Galaxia DeAnda**. She is an expecting mother. Congratulations. However, a dietary change could also be responsible (see photo).



by Stephanie Krajcir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

We'd like to give an official WTD welcome to Det. **Judy Acosta** who is taking over for Det. **Tony Lee** who is transferring to CTD. Good luck, Tony

(you'll be back). Det. Acosta and our motor officer **Efren Acosta** are also the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy (Gabriel, born on 5/6/02, 8 lbs., 11 oz.).

Congratulations to another proud WTD parent, Officer Yoon and his wife Leslie on their baby girl, Audry (7 lbs., 14 oz., 9/11/02). Additionally, Officer **Hassanzai** and his wife, Carrie, tip the scales with twins, yes twin boys (Dylan and Luke).

Commendable Capers

On 9/12/02, at approximately 1445 hours, Officer **Alma Marks** was working a T/E car (34QL22) when she observed a stop sign violation at a complaint location (Plymouth/8th). Moments later, the violator made a right turn and subsequently T/C's. Two

occupants decided to run away on foot and a third occupant was discovered by Officer Marks while she searched the vehicle. She ordered the occupant to exit the vehicle and he refused, brandishing a blue steel auto and holding it up to his head and barricading himself in the vehicle. She summoned additional units: Officer **Henry**, A.C. (34MQ44), Officer **Navarro** (34QL65), a Wilshire Patrol Unit and Sgt. **Windsor** (34MQ170).

Officer Mark summoned a Metro Unit, which subsequently took the barricaded suspect into custody by use of non-lethal force. Suspect #2 was found hiding under a nearby structure by Officers **Henderson** and **Castillo**.

Additional investigation revealed that the vehicle was a stolen (from a carjacking in SW Div.) and the suspects had recently committed a robbery in the Wilshire area. Both suspects were booked for carjacking/robbery.

An outstanding job was done by all! This was an excellent example of teamwork and careful police work.

Another commendable caper goes out to Officers **Victor Islas** and **Shelby Wilcox**. While investigating a routine hit and run misd T/C (Veh V's Pkd veh), officers discovered the ignition to V-1 was punched and the driver, after being picked up by a nearby WLA patrol unit, attempted to elude officers from his true identity. A thorough check of the suspect's identity (fin) revealed the suspect was wanted on a parole hold for voluntary manslaughter. Officers also checked into the vehicle which was an unreported stolen from Riverside. The suspect was booked for 10851 VC with a parole hold.

Officers did an excellent job investigating a minor T/C with a lot more to it than what it seemed!

Promotions

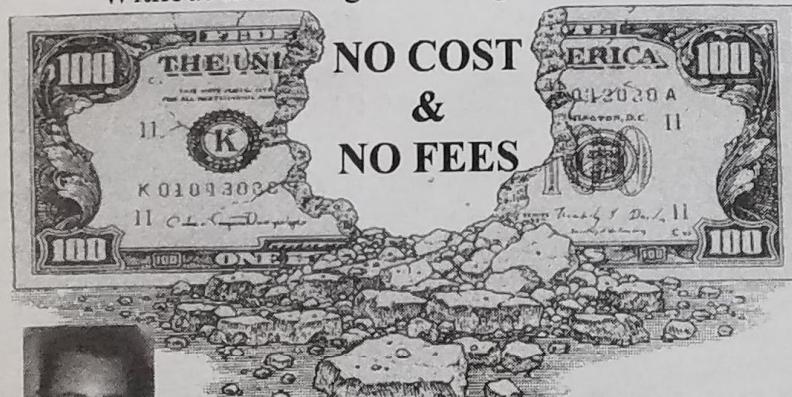
Officer **Gloria Snipes** for her selection to training coordinator and Officer **Emanual (E-Man) Sanchez** for his promotion to P-3.

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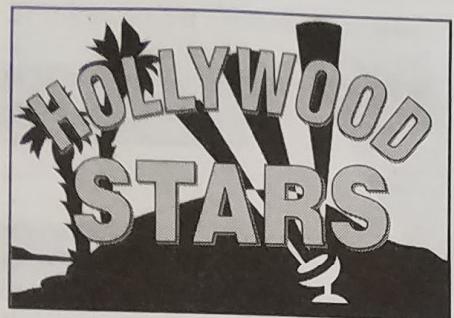
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by Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

Commendable Caper

On August 29, at 0600 hours, Officers **Jay Ealy** and **Ruben Vasquez**, working 6A71, received a radio call of a 211 just occurred in the 1300 block of North Western Avenue. Unit 11L40, Sgt. **Kim Mole**, monitored the call and observed the described suspects in Northeast just outside of Hollywood area. She requested units for a stop and the suspects were taken into custody without incident. Officers Ealy and Vasquez conducted a follow-up to the victim's house and arranged a field show-up. The victim identified all suspects and the vehicle. Officers **Jose Gomez** and **Marco Rodriguez**, Northeast area, located some of the stolen property in the suspect vehicle as well as a stolen watch on the wrist of the main suspect. It was later determined the watch was taken in a previous, unrelated robbery in Northeast area. Officers Gomez and Rodriguez did a follow-up to the residence of that victim and obtained a full identification of both suspects and his personal property. During the initial contact, Officers **Glen Jackson**, **Jason Adkins**, **Corbin Rheault**, **John Monarek**, and Northeast Officers **Luis Gasca**, **Jeremy**

Ortiz, **Terri Utley**, and **Do Kim** tactically deployed at the scene and assisted with the detention of the suspects. The incident resulted in a multi-five arrest of three adults and two juveniles. No doubt a long day but this was an excellent example of inter-divisional teamwork.

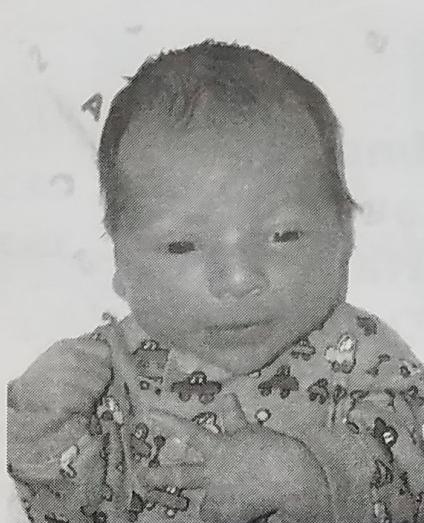
Single Shots

This guy poured white paint all over himself and scampered down Beverly Blvd. one afternoon. Why? We'll never know. **Corbin Rheault** and his partner intercepted him and got him reservations in room 5150 at USCMC.

As with every police station worldwide, Hollywood has its cast of goofy regulars who come and go. One of our favorites is the very intoxicated but amusing...let's call her "Kimba." (Name changed to protect the not so innocent). She often crashes on our lobby bench and sleeps off her daily bottle of vodka. One evening **John Valdez**, working the desk, struck up a conversation with her which we all know can be rather one-sided. Well, apparently Linda got a little too cozy in the lobby, whipped out her vodka and began swigging away. John, seeing an opportunity for some proactive police work, promptly issued her an RFC for 41.27(c) LAMC. She in turn wrote him a commendation. What's sport.

Ins, Ups and Outs - DP10

HWD welcomed Sgt. C. Gonzalez from HOBK. Sgt. E. Mendoza headed to FTHL and **Mike Ventura**, aka "Ace," came up from SW. Sgt. **Brian Wong** made detective and is on the way to FCD. **Mike Berretta** made a lateral move to FTHL. **Adam Futami** comes to HWD from 77th as a PIII. TD-REC shipped us PI R. Marsh. Ray



Ramdeholl migrates across the street to ND.



Abigale Rippe. Born 11/9/02, 5:02pm, 8lbs. 20 inches.

the bum by a strange man, proving he really is a chip off the old block.

Mike Rippe and **Natalie Rippe** also welcomed their first, Abigale Rose, on September 9, at 5:02 p.m. Abigale taped at 20 inches and weighed healthy 8 lbs. Mike's wife, Natalie, works NHWD. Congrats to all on the new members of the LAPD family. ♦

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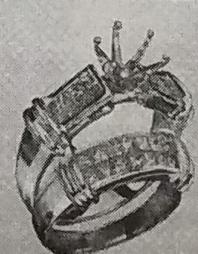
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Officer Gina Holmstrom Officer David Stambaugh Officer Brian O'Hara Sergeant Scott DeFoe

On the afternoon of September 24, 2000, a 52-year-old male, armed with a .357 caliber revolver, entered the side yard of his former residence and shot his ex-wife, firing two rounds. The suspect then fled on foot through the residential neighborhood, shooting two additional victims before reloading his weapon and continuing his deadly rampage.

After shooting a fourth victim, the suspect then entered a business, taking a female hostage and forcing her outside to the sidewalk. After the hostage explained that she had no money, the male suspect raised the revolver and shot her at point blank range.

The suspect then walked up the driveway of a nearby residence and disappeared in the backyard.

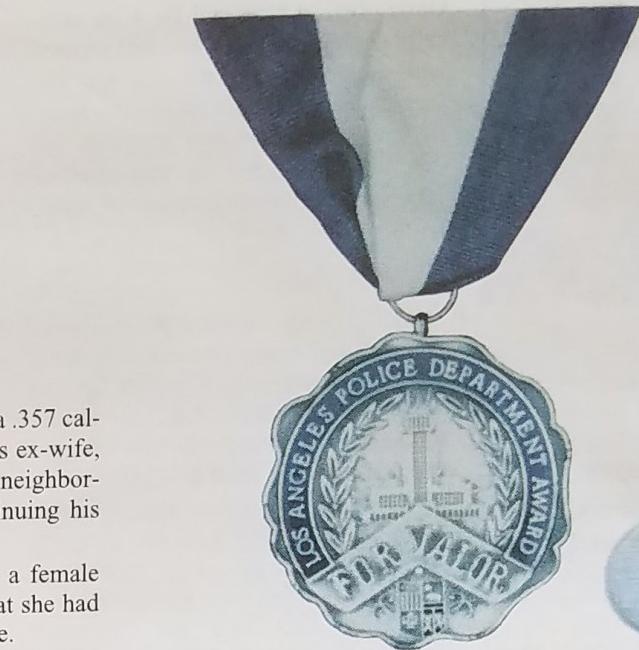
Communications Division broadcast an "all units" radio call, "Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Shots Fired." Newton Area patrol units responded and questioned witnesses, revealing that the suspect was still armed and possibly in the area.



Chief Martin Pomeroy honors Sergeant Scott DeFoe.



Edward James Olmos and honoree Officer Brian O'Hara.



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An Air Support Division helicopter arrived over the scene as the Air Unit officers briefly located the suspect in the backyard near a wood storage shed. The suspect then suddenly disappeared. As the helicopter monitored the residence and surrounding area, personnel on the ground established a perimeter.

Approximately one hour after the "all units" radio call was broadcast, Metropolitan Division, K-9 Unit officers arrived at the scene.

Officer Gina Holmstrom, a 10-year Department veteran, arrived at the command post, followed by Officer Brian O'Hara, an 18-year veteran, Officer David Stambaugh, a 10-year veteran, and Sgt. Scott DeFoe, a 10-year veteran. Officer Holmstrom briefed the three other K-9 Unit officers.

Officer Stambaugh was able to reach the cover of the vehicle alongside Officer Holmstrom and O'Hara. Officer O'Hara, in defense of the lives of Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe, who appeared to be lying on the ground, fired an additional two rounds at the suspect, who appeared to be lying on the ground.

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Chief Pomeroy honors Officer David Stambaugh.



Chief Pomeroy honors Officer Brian O'Hara.

The four officers, fully aware that the suspect was an "active shooter" and posing an extreme threat, knew that they had to pinpoint the suspect's location. They developed a tactical search plan, utilizing Officer Holmstrom's search dog, "Maxx." Officer O'Hara was positioned as "point man" and Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe would serve as cover officers and rear guards.

The search team, attired in tactical vests and ballistic helmets, initiated the search. Officer Holmstrom unleashed the dog and directed him down the driveway toward the backyard.

Moving with "Maxx," as he entered the backyard, the team searched in a counter clockwise direction. After clearing the east side of the yard, "Maxx" began working the center yard, alongside two vehicles that were parked in front of the wood storage shed.

As "Maxx" arrived at the storage shed, Officer Holmstrom was 15 feet from the door of the shed with Officer O'Hara only three feet from Officer Holmstrom. Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe were situated approximately 35 feet from the door of the shed.

Monitoring the dog's actions throughout the search, Officer Holmstrom realized that the suspect was in the wood shed as "Maxx" gave the "alert" signal by scratching on the shed's wrought iron screen door. As Officer Holmstrom hand-signaled the other search team members of the suspect's location, the armed suspect opened fire on the entire search team.

Officer Holmstrom, realizing that she and her partners were in an open area without cover, immediately advanced toward the suspect, firing two shots from her semi-automatic pistol. She then sought cover by diving to the ground next to the driver's side door of one of the parked vehicles.

Officer Holmstrom quickly crawled to the rear of the vehicle, while the suspect continued shooting at her. Aware that Officer O'Hara, Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe were in an open area and attempting to reach the parked vehicles for cover, Officer Holmstrom fired additional rounds at the suspect.

Officer O'Hara then advanced toward the threat, attempting to reach the cover of the two parked vehicles.

Officer Holmstrom and K-9 "Maxx" safely moved from the vehicle. Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe attempted the same maneuver, the suspect again opened fire. In response, Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe stood up from behind the parked vehicle and fired at the suspect, who appeared to be lying on the ground. Officer Stambaugh and Sgt. DeFoe then moved to the rear of the vehicle and fired at the suspect, who appeared to be lying on the ground.

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Officer Ray Olivas Officer Juan Gonzalez

In the evening hours of February 16, 2000, Officer Ray Olivas, a five-year LAPD veteran, and Officer Juan Gonzalez, a three-year veteran, assigned to Newton Area, Operations Support Division, were traveling on the Golden State Freeway approaching the Santa Monica Freeway in their police vehicle.

Driving southbound, the officers witnessed a maroon colored passenger vehicle experience a front tire blow-out. The blown tire caused the car to lose control on the freeway and veer off to the right, colliding with another southbound vehicle, a late model passenger van.

Officer Olivas quickly maneuvered the police vehicle away from the out-of-control vehicles, which were now skidding in the southbound lanes.

on the flames. The trapped victims continued their cry for help as the flames continued to burn.

A passing male motorist, observing the situation, stopped and assisted the officers by utilizing his fire extinguisher. As the passerby began to knock down the flames, Officer Olivas and Officer Gonzalez were able to move in closer to the helpless victims.

With the help of the man with the fire extinguisher, Officer Olivas and Officer Gonzalez reached through the broken windshield and into the burning van, carefully trying to extract the female from the vehicle. Their efforts were hindered as the woman's leg was tangled in and around the steering wheel. With the fire continuing to burn, the officers were able to free the woman's leg and pull her to safety.

An off-duty nurse, who had also stopped to assist in the rescue efforts, helped to care for the female victim after she had been rescued from the van.

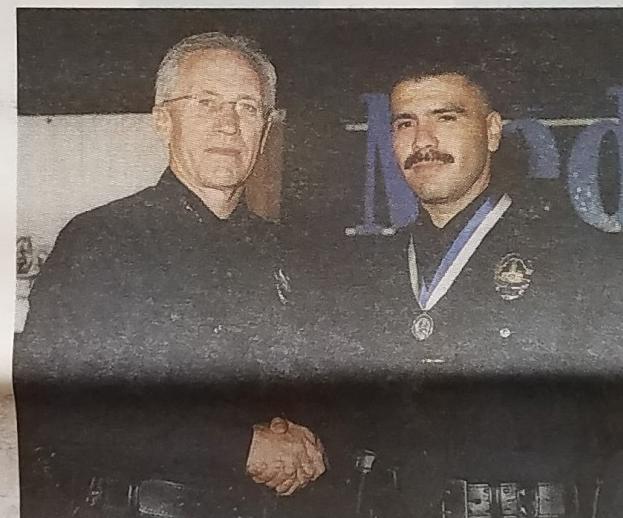
Officers Olivas and Gonzalez quickly returned to the van and observed that the flames from the outside were now beginning to erupt on the inside. Again the officers struggled with the intense heat from the fire, as the passerby once again utilized his fire extinguisher to reduce the flames long enough for the officers to rescue the elderly man.

As Officer Olivas tried to pull the elderly man from the van, he realized that the victim's foot was caught in the wreckage. Once again the citizen with the fire extinguisher assisted the officers by freeing the victim's foot and the elderly man was removed from the burning wreckage.

The female victim suffered from lacerations to both of her legs and second-degree burns to approximately 10 percent of her body. The male suffered second and third-degree burns to 40 percent of his body.

Due to the swift and heroic actions of these officers, two lives were spared a painful death.

Officer Olivas and Officer Gonzalez are commended for their bravery, teamwork, and



Chief Pomeroy honors Officer Ray Olivas.

The impact of the collision caused both the car and the van to collide into the freeway's side shoulder wall. The car with the blown tire continued southbound until it eventually came to rest on the shoulder of the freeway. After hitting the wall, the van tipped over and stopped, resting on the driver's side.

Officer Olivas immediately pulled the police car to the shoulder of the freeway approximately 100 feet south of the collision.

Both officers observed the van engulfed in flames and resting on its side. Acting quickly by retrieving a fire extinguisher from their police vehicle, both officers ran toward the burning van, while requesting assistance from the Fire Department via their radio.

As the officers rushed toward the van, they could see a female victim trapped in the burning vehicle between the steering wheel and the driver's seat. The officers heard screams for help as they approached the vehicle, but the intense heat radiating from the vehicle prevented them from moving in closer.

The extreme heat emanating from the van caused both officers to gasp for breath. Officer Olivas directed the fire extinguisher at the burning vehicle, but because of the intensity of the blaze, it had little effect



Chief Pomeroy honors Officer Juan Gonzalez.

quick action, which resulted in saving the lives of two victims trapped inside the burning vehicle.

These courageous and selfless actions embody the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For these outstanding efforts, the Medal of Valor is awarded to:

Officer Ray Olivas Officer Juan Gonzalez ♦



Chief Pomeroy honors Officer Gina Holmstrom.

from the vehicle to the residence, but as Sgt. DeFoe fired. In response, Officer Stambaugh and Officer fired at the suspect, allowing Sgt. DeFoe to safely

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Other Officer Holmstrom, Officer O'Hara, Officer by the suspect's gunfire.

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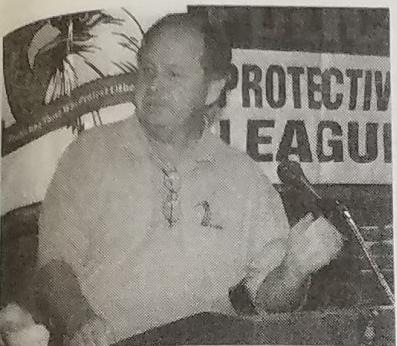
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Bob Baker presents Carole Carreon with a check for the Family Support Group's programs and training efforts.



Retired Chief Daryl Gates

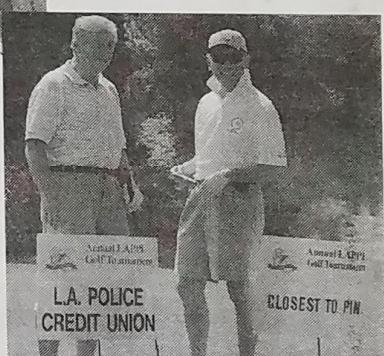
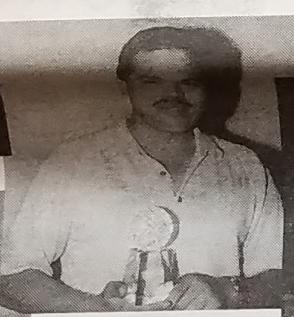
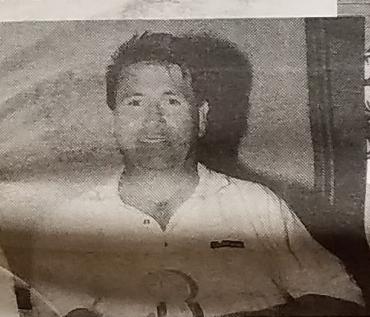
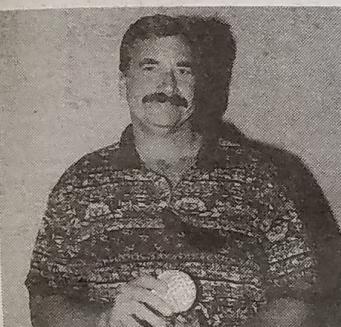


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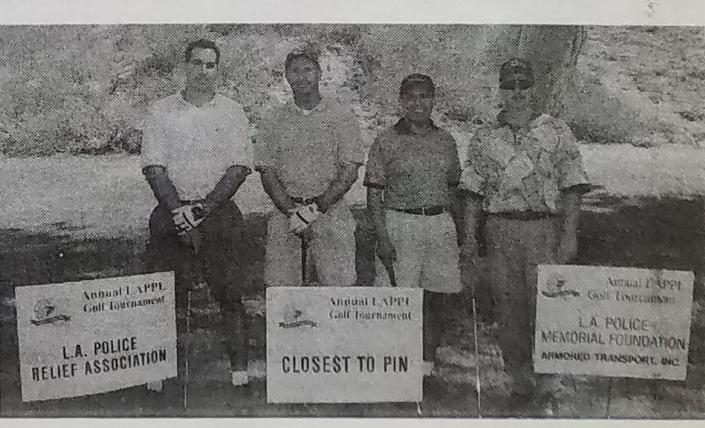
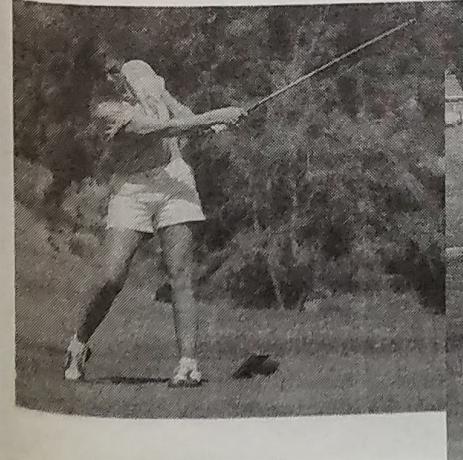


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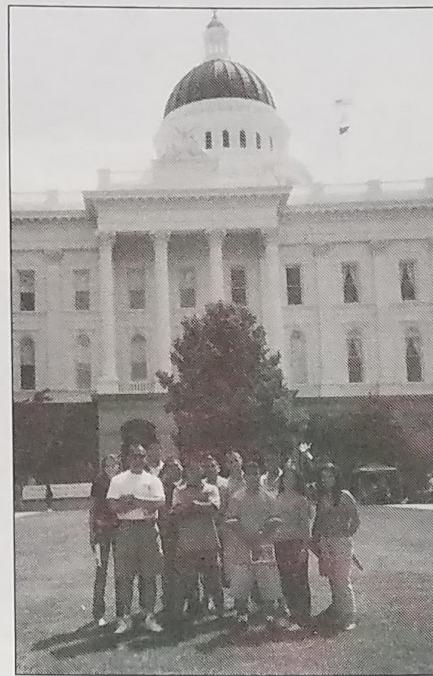
Transfer order #10 has been issued and here are the new movers and groovers: Incoming to Harbor Division from Central Division was **Anthony Rheault**, upgraded from P-3 to D-1; also incoming from Central Division was P-2 **Talya Higgs**, and from Southwest Division came P-2 **William Tyler**. More incoming from Training Division were P-1's **Karla Godoy**, **Eugene Shin**, and our newest Reserve Officer **Nash Cervantes**. We also have a new MA2, **Maria Dimacale**, from Crime Analysis Section.

An upgrade was in the works for P-2 **Dan Jenkins**, and he is now a P-3 working the P.M. watch Juvenile Car. Another upgrade, and outgoing to new experiences was P-3 **John Hunt**, now a D-1 in Hollenbeck Division. Hey John, what's your placard? Also returning to Hollenbeck Division was D-3 **Charles "Freeway Therapy" Markel**, except now it's not such a bad drive, right jefe? D-2 **Dan Garcia** left us for Criminal Intelligence Investigations Division; P-3 **Lonnie Schiffer** left us for Management Services Division; and PSR **Annie Smith** left us to be at Southwest Division. Farewell & good luck, congratulations, and welcome to all.

Explorers

The Community Relations Officers were at it again, and put together a great summer trip for the Harbor Explorers. In August they completed a trip to Sacramento to see the State Capitol and the California Firefighters' Memorial in the heart of Sacramento. The Memorial is a lasting tribute to the men and women who gave their lives to help pro-

tect their fellow Californians. The memorial design includes two bronze



Harbor CRO visiting the State Capitol with the Explorers.



Posing in front of the California Firefighters' Memorial along with the Harbor Explorers are CRO Officers (R to L) Ariel Popoy, Domingo Mairena and Terri Williams.

RHD



Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

First, let me apologize for not submitting articles for the last few issues of *The Thin Blue Line*. No excuses, but RHD is back. Robbery-Homicide Division would like to take this opportunity to welcome Chief **William Bratton** to the LAPD family. Best wishes and good luck!

Commendable Incident

Detectives **Timothy Williams** and **Marcella Winn**, Robbery Special Section, provided the following: Between July 7, 2000, and June 12, 2002, the city of Los Angeles, along with several neighboring jurisdictions, became the target of an armed bank robber. This suspect was dubbed the Tennis Elbow Bandit, due to the suspect wear-

ing an ace bandage or other brace to cover the tattoo of an Indian on his right elbow. In November of 2001, the suspect was profiled on several televised newscasts. As a result of the newscasts, the suspect decided to change his modus operandi and began targeting commercial businesses. As the robberies increased, the suspect began to display a progressive tendency for violence.

On June 12, 2002, Officer **Mark Holguin**, a loanee from the elite Metropolitan Division, selected the stake-out locations as Det. Timothy Williams, along with Lieutenants **Jim Grayson** and **C. Velez** coordinated a task force comprised of 160 officers from RHD, Operations Valley Bureau, FBI, Glendale Police Department, and Burbank Police Department. Within two hours of the roll call and deployment of the officers, Detectives **Hagge** and **Tomilin** of North Hollywood Division observed the suspect casting the Sav-On and Payless Shoes on Vineland and Victory Blvd. Det. Hagge requested a backup and Detectives **Fountain** and **Stubbs** of RHD Bank Section responded and took the suspect into custody without incident.

The suspect confessed to robbing 22 banks and 15 commercial stores. We at

status depicting firefighters in action. The statue shown in this article features four firefighters working together. Featured along with the statue is a Memorial Wall, listing the names of more than 850 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice as California firefighters.

After their visit in Sacramento, they squeezed in a visit to the city by the bay, San Francisco, where they met and talked with several San Francisco Police Department officers. I'm sure they also managed to visit Fisherman's Wharf to consume some sourdough bread and fresh seafood, or Ghirardelli Square for some chocolate. Life is good, pumpkin!

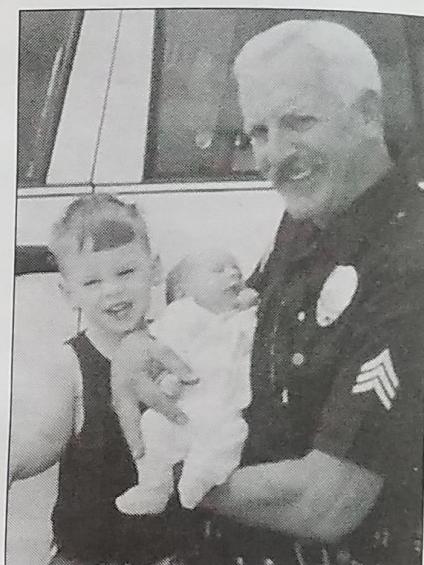
Grandpa's And Babies

I'm telling you, something in the water around here has folks getting pregnant or becoming grandparents on a consistent basis. First, let's mention Harbor Division's Sgt.1 **Gary Bean** (aka: Donald Sutherland) who just became a Grandfather for the third time. Born on August 31, 2002 was "Bryce T. Jensen," baby boy of Gary's daughter, P-3 **Gillian Jensen** of Training Division. Bryce came in at 5 lbs., 10 oz., and 18 inches long. Bryce's older brother, 2 yr old "Drew" is only too happy to have a little brother to pal around with.

Second, let's mention Sgt.2 **Michael Porter**, and wife Kimberly, who just gave birth to a baby boy, "Tyler Alan Porter" on September 24th, 2002 at 1600 hrs. Tyler weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz., and was 21 inches long. Mom, Dad and Tyler are all doing well. Congratulations to Gary, Mike, and all family members involved.

In Closing

I wanted to send a shout out to another favorite grandpa, P-3 **Ed Diot** #15512. The guy is finally retiring after 30 or so years of protecting and serving the City of Los Angeles. He's been



Sgt. Gary Bean, with grandkids Bryce and Drew Jensen (R to L).

through a lot, and we all have our favorite memories of his crazy antics. Now, we can truly say "Elvis has left the building." We're gonna miss ya' Ed. Congratulations and best wishes.

A quick note from Harbor Detectives MAC table: rumor has it that Det. 2 **Tanya Bowie** is seriously thinking about trying out for the Olympic swan diving team, with Det.3 **Pam Neil** as her coach.

Congratulations to Det.2 **Chris Giles**, also of the Harbor Detectives MAC table, for being elected Detective of the Quarter. We all know Chris is a team player, he works hard, but always manages to find time to laugh. Way to go, Chris!

Well, it's time to go for now, so remember to be smart, be safe, be sound, and always keep on dancing. ♦

and provided camaraderie between the two elite sections. The final score was 10-9 in favor of the Thunderbolts. Anyone wishing to challenge these teams must contact Lt. Jim Grayson, owner of the Thunderbolts, or Lt. Mike **Williams**, owner of the Ladybirds.

Arrivals and Departures

A warm RHD welcome goes out to **Eric Miranda** a student worker who comes to us from Metropolitan Division Mounted Unit. Also, congratulations to Det. II **Jim Martin** who recently transferred from RHD/RSS to SIS. Jim, remember socks off.

RHD's Family Business

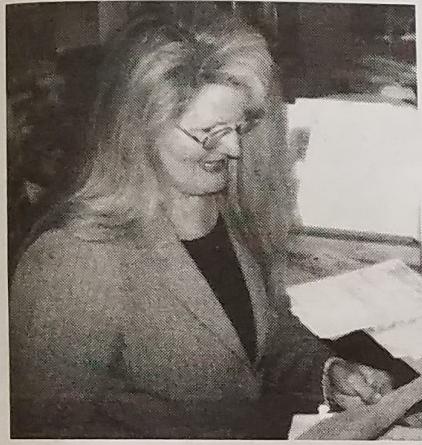
Congratulations to Lt. Jim Grayson on the wedding of his daughter, Sgt. II **Jefferia L. Grayson**, IAG/Advocate Section, to Sgt. II **Michael J. Barrios**, IAG/R&E Section. The happy couple was married on September 1, 2002, in Newport Beach, California. Also, congratulations to Det. **John Wong** on the birth of his daughter Kimberly, who was born on August 9th. Kimberly weighed in at 6 lbs, 7 oz., and she joins her older brother, Jeffrey. Mom and baby are doing fine. ♦

West L.A. Journal

by Mary Dacey
The West L.A. Journal

By the time you read this edition of *The Thin Blue Line*, we will most likely have a new chief! Hopefully he will be the best one yet. Congratulations, and we wish you all the best!

One of our detectives was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" in recognition for her exemplary support and dedicated service to assisting the victims of crime. This award was presented to Det.



WLA Detective Terri Minter.

Terri Minter by Alex V. Vargas, the Program Administrator for the Victim Assistance Program. Terri was recommended for the award by Victim Service Coordinator Julie Briones, who works at West L.A. Det. Minter was recognized for her patience and support to victims and has been known to go the extra mile for them. She was also said to be a credit to the department. I think she also deserves a non-fat grande cap from Starbucks as soon as possible! Congratulations, Terri.

D1 Jim Willis was recently promoted to D2 and will be assisting D3 Sue Fisher at the MAC table. Congratulations, Jimbo!! Your name will now be up in lights.

Det. "Ski" Elenitsky was recently recalled to active duty for the Marines and will be assigned to the Pentagon for

the next one to two years. He has been a pleasure to have around and he was good-natured and hard-working. We will miss him, but know that he will soon be highly revered at the Pentagon.

P3 Vice Officer Curtis McIntyre has left West L.A. again. This time he has been promoted to sergeant and went to 77th. Hurry and come back, okay? We know you will. P2 Cheri "Chica" Windle has been promoted to Detective and will be at West Valley, while P2 Lisa "Nordstrom" Householder has also been promoted to detective and will be at Devonshire. Sgt. T. Sincock went to West Valley and Sgt. A. Flores has joined us from Central. Det. 1 E. Sun has arrived from 77th. J. Manoogian left us for Financial Crimes, but didn't go very far as he is still in the same building. P2 Y. Gillani went to Southwest and P. Mott came from R&I as a Senior Clerk Typist. That about does it this time around.

There's still time to sign up for ballroom dancing at your local Arthur Murray dance studio. Just imagine yourself, donned in tux or evening gown, complete with feather boa, swirling around the dance floor at the upcoming West L.A. holiday party! Det. "Squeaky" Lewis told me that he has been taking lessons now for about four months and should be ready to go. Who knows, you might be the hit of the party and end up dancing on Broadway. Stranger things have happened...

*And now for a commendable cop caper, as presented by Capt. Debra McCarthy.

P.O. II A. Suliveres, #33639

P.O. II Y. Gillani, #35215

P.O. II P. Mah, #34288

P.O. II K. Collard, #32159

West Los Angeles Area

On September 4, 2002, at approximately 1950 hours, incident 4565 was broadcast over WLA base frequency. The comments indicated that a robbery/GTA had just occurred at 11940 Pico Blvd. The suspects had approached a couple sitting in a vehicle and pointed a sawed-off shotgun through the window at them. The suspects demanded the victims' wallets, then ordered them out of the vehicle. The suspects took the vehicle and fled in an unknown direction.

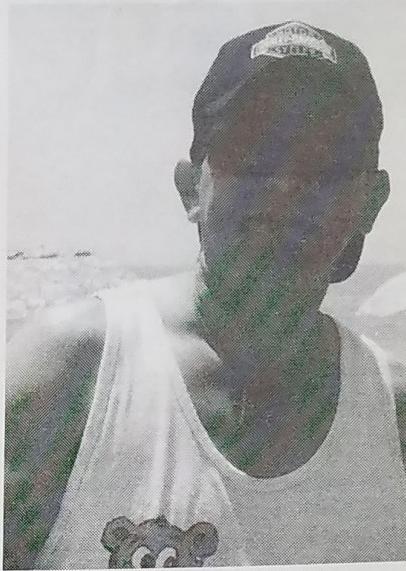
Officers Suliveres and Gillani, assigned to unit 8C22, monitored the broadcast. They were familiar with the area of the crime and quickly surmised that Sawtelle Blvd. would be the most likely escape route for the suspects. Accordingly, the officers moved to that

area. Their judgment proved correct when they observed the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on Sawtelle Blvd. The officers maneuvered to place themselves behind the vehicle to check the license plate. Suliveres and Gillani verified that the plate matched the description given on the GTA vehicle. As they did so, the suspect vehicle accelerated away from them and failed to stop for a posted stop sign as it turned westbound on Washington Blvd. The officers broadcast that they were in pursuit. As the officers negotiated the turn from Globe Ave. to Washington Blvd., they saw that the suspect vehicle had already collided with a church located at 11319 Washington Blvd. Gillani and Suliveres observed the passenger throw a backpack out of the vehicle as both he and the driver began running from the scene. Gillani and Suliveres, encumbered with the gear required of our profession, demonstrated to the passenger the anaerobic benefits of being a bike officers; at the end of a three-block sprint the suspect gave up—Gillani and Suliveres did not.

Gillani and Suliveres had simultaneously broadcast the need for a perimeter. Responding Officers Mah and Collard noted suspect number two attempting to leave the area and detained him.

tion revealed that the suspects had probably committed a robbery in the city of Santa Monica only 20 minutes prior to their ill-advised decision to caper in West Los Angeles.

The involved officers are to be commended for their observational skills, tactical prowess, and interview/interview technique. The incident is a text-



Who is that man behind those Foster Grants?! It's Baca McGregor at the WLA Beach Party.



WLA's Detective Lynet Popper after "burying" her daughter at the beach party!

book example of police work as it was meant to be done. The officers listened to a crime broadcast, made a judgment on where to find the suspects and proceeded to that area. In the space of the following 15 minutes, they located the suspects, engaged in a vehicle pursuit fol-

lowed by a foot pursuit and a perimeter, all taking place in an area unfamiliar to them. All suspects, weapons, and property were recovered, and every officer emerged without a scratch. The incident is yet another example of the results of proactive ("let's see if those guys come down Sawtelle") police work. The involved officers' actions reflect great credit upon themselves, West L.A. Division, and the Los Angeles Police Department.

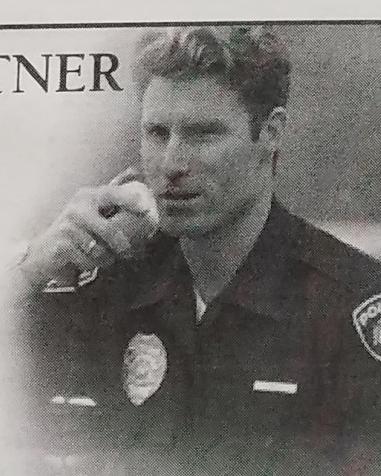
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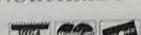


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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

way out West

by Debbi Friedman
West Valley Division

Looks like West Valley has their own American Hero. For those of you that don't know him, let me introduce you to P-3 Officer **Anthony Doyen**, #32640. When the terrible 9-11 tragedy occurred last year, Tony, who is an Army Reservist and K-9 handler, was activated with his MP Unit in San Diego and shipped out to Guam where he was assigned as Force Protection for the Guam Naval Base against terrorist activity. Tony had a few amusing stories about the poachers sneaking on base and shooting the water buffalo's, the brown poisonous snakes, the millions of mosquitoes and the problems of taking a bath with a container of water and soap. Rinsing was where the problem came in. Ask Tony to give you the sudsy soap story! And next time you see Tony, stop and welcome him home and tell him "thank you" for being one of our

heroes that protect our freedom and our country. I salute you, Tony, from one G.I. to another, even though I was a WAC G.I.

Now to change the tempo a little bit here. West Valley is doing an awesome job in cleaning up crime. Just ask Sgt. **Karl Armelin**, #21794, and his SPU Officers **Victor Renzelman**, #30369; **Norman Peters**, #32484; **Michael Delesdernier**, #33909; and Patrol Officers **Craig Hewitt**, #32951; and **Jason Jacobson**, #36087. Due to a problem of commercial burglaries with window smashes, Sgt. Armelin put together a game plan to catch the night-time hooligan. The guys were all out and about in the wee hours of the morn when the Sarge and Norman observed a possible suspect acting in a nervous manner standing in front of a closed business, holding a dark bag. The Sarge and Norman flipped a U and of course the rascally rascal was nowhere to be seen. At about the same time, it was determined that a business 459 had just occurred. Looking at the crime scene, an unknown idiot had used a DWP metal water meter cover and smashed a window, entered the business, removed a cash drawer that contained a whopping amount of money—\$13 in quarters! During all this time, the Sarge and Norm were searching frantically for the fool that they lost sight of when, thanks to the powers above, they found the fool in a parking lot. Since the Sarge and Norm were in plain cars, they hung back

and eagle-eyed the idiot while calling in the cavalry. Enter Hewitt and Jacobson. As they started to approach the idiot, they observed him to try and hide a jingling, jangling moneybag under his arm. Well obviously that didn't fool our Super-Cops, and they detained the fool. As the investigation unraveled, they found glass fragments embedded in the moron's shoes, some paper currency in his pants pockets, along with LOTS of quarters and loose change. Now come on guys, couldn't he have just returned from some Indian casino and won big on the quarter slots? Naw, I didn't think so either... The best part about this arrest was that it cleared 25 burglary cases in the east end of West Valley plus numerous burglary cases in Van Nuys. I know the detectives are happy about that. Now how does that go?? A case of beer from the burglary detectives to the SPU unit and the two Super-Cops for solving the numerous 459 Window Smash Caper? Sounds right to me! Just let me known when ya all collect!

I want to "thank" all of you for finding me and giving me interesting things to write about. Without all of you to help contribute and talk to me, our Divisional

article would be like everyone else's—BORING!! I am still waiting for some juicy gossip from you. I know it's there, so come and talk with Mama.

Turkey day is just around the corner, so I want to wish everyone at West Valley station to have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



By the time this Blue Line is published, West Valley Station should be in the first stages of being demolished. Therefore, West Valley is being moved into trailers. The officers are all smiles about their new station on wheels.

And please take the time to stop and remember our men and women who are still fighting the Terrorist battle and can't be home with their families and loved ones. When we sit down to our feast on this holiday, let's say a small prayer for their safe return home. Be safe out there and back each other up!

Until next month, show me Code-6 until further.

spot).

Congrats to Officer **Eldred Day** for getting the call to Metro.

Congrats to Det. **Gus Ramirez** on the spot in "Dope."

Congrats to Det. **Steve Sena** on the D-III promotion.

Congrats to you if you had a kid, or got a better job, or got married. It's hard to keep track of all of the goings on around Newton.

Newton Scoop

You can help me keep track of everything by forwarding any stories or photographs you would like to see published in the Newton Street section of *The Thin Blue Line*. Please forward them to myself, **Rob Golden**, in OSD or to **Jeff Churchill** in the Training Office (In writing please. If you tell me verbally, I'll forget.). Items of interest that are received prior to the first of the month will be included in the following month's edition.



by Rob Golden
Newton Division

Reggie Gets His Dawgs Back

Earlier last month, Senior Lead Officer **Reggie Gay** was reunited with some long lost friends—his military identification tags, or "dawg tags." The ones he wore while serving in Vietnam as an Army infantryman. Officer Gay served two tours in Vietnam, during which time he lost his dawg tags during an intense firefight. Officer Gay never

found those tags, and on Dec. 22, 1968, he came back home to the states.

Now, 34 years later, he has them back in his possession. Reggie is glad to have them back. "There are certain things that you try to hold onto (during combat)—your dawg tags, your weapon and pictures of mom—stuff like that. They serve as a reminder of the guys I cared about so much when I was there," Reggie says of his tags.

In July of 2001, the parents of Illinois State Senator Peter Roskam were in Vietnam on business. Roskam's mother, Martha, was shopping in Ho Chi Minh City when she came across a vendor selling jewelry. On the top of a basket, she discovered 36 American military dawg tags. She bought them all for \$20.

Martha gave the tags to Senator Roskam, and he began an extensive search to find the owners. So far, he's located the next of kin of two deceased servicemen in Hawthorne, CA, and Officer Reggie Gay. At the time of this

story, it is unknown if any other living servicemen have been located.

Congratulations, Reggie. It truly is a small world.

Racked Up

Officers **Bellows** and **Carson** were involved in a bad car crash while attempting to capture some fleeing bad guys last month. They each are pretty banged up and are going to be on the injured reserve list for a few months. I spoke with Stef when she came by the station one day of her broken leg and she stated, "I'm just glad I got a pedicure before the accident." Just kidding. She did say the hardest part was not being able to run. Don't fret, you'll still have plenty of time to train before "Baker to Vegas," 2003. Get well soon both of you. We can't wait to have you back.

Congrats

Congrats to Officer **Eric Spear** and wife Linda on the birth of their second child, Matthew (and on the CLEAR

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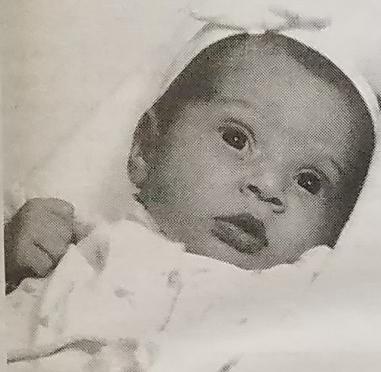
THE Eastern W N E S O HORIZON

by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. May your holiday be shared with those who mean the most to you and may you have been blessed all year so that you have many things to be thankful for.

Baby Announcement

The stork arrived at the Malachi home and deposited a beautiful baby girl. Little Katelyn Marie Malachi entered this world on July 27 at precisely 3:52 a.m. Proud mama, Sgt. **Ruby Malachi**,



Katelyn Malachi.

advised me that baby Katelyn weighed in at 6 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. Except for the lack of sleep, everyone in the household is doing well. *Sgt. Malachi, congratulations on your family addition. May your new bundle of joy bring you plenty of joy and happiness.*

...More Babies

Although these babies arrived a while back, it's never too late to tell you about them. Det. **Luz Rodriguez** received the two-for-the-price-of-one special when she gave birth to a set of twins. The double whammy happened on Nov. 14, 2001, so by the time you read this, we'll be celebrating their first birthday. Daniel Deonicio, being the male in the bunch and having to care for his younger twin sister, was born first, arriving at 4:32 a.m. Shortly thereafter, at 4:36 a.m.,

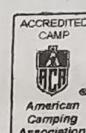


Rodriguez twins and older sister Amanda.

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Denise Daniela made her presence known. As you can see in the picture below, the twins join an older sister, Amanda, in the Rodriguez residence. Father Deonicio and Luz are doing well in the company of their rapidly expanding family. Congratulations. Daniel and Denise, we hope you have a wonderful first birthday.

Welcome

A big Hollenbeck welcome goes out to the following individuals, lucky enough to now be assigned to our great division: Sgt. **M. Dibell** came to us from Southeast. Sgt. **P. Gamino** is in from 77th Division, while Sgt. **A. Ramos** moved east from Rampart Division. Det. **S. Garcia** was previously assigned to TSS and Det. **Chuck Markel** is back at Hollenbeck after a stint at Harbor Division. Det. **J. Barragan** came to us via Southwest Division. Officer **M. Chavez** arrived from Hollywood, followed by Officer **J. Chacon**, in from North Hollywood Division. Officer **M. Dominguez** is in from Southwest Division. Last, but not least, we have two new civilian employees assigned to Hollenbeck Division. Please welcome PSWs **J. Cuadra** and **C. Capaso**.

Goodbye

We say so long and good tidings to Sgt. **Elaine Morales**, now assigned to IAG. We congratulate and also say goodbye to former Senior Lead Officer **Cynthia Gonzales**, who recently promoted to sergeant and is now assigned to Hollywood Division. Congratulations also go out to **Dave Torres**, who also promoted to sergeant and is now assigned to Newton Division, after a very short stint at Hollenbeck. Sgt. **M. Dibell** is now assigned to IAG. Congratulations are also in order for **Bernie Caraveo**, a longtime Hollenbeck fixture, who is now a big-city detective, assigned to Southwest Division. Det. **M. Flynn** is now at

Narcotics Division, along with Det. **O. Fungaroli**. Det. **E. Garcia** is now investigating crimes at Southwest Division. Officer **R. Cantrell** is now patrolling the streets of Devonshire Division while Officer **N. Driller** is riding the buses at TBD. Officer **Juan Mendoza** is now investigating traffic collisions at Central Traffic Division. PSW **L. Espitia** is now assigned to Rampart Division. Good luck to all of you in your individual new assignments.

Que Paso

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Al "El Caballero" **Ramirez**. A victorious gentleman always rides off into the sunset.

See you all on the next one. As we enter a new era of positive change, meet



Officers George Leiva and Olga Villa.

the challenges head-on, as we are all professionals and an integral part of the greatest police department in the entire world.

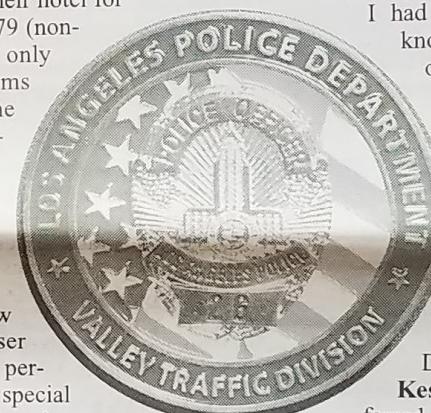
VTD Voice



by Kurt Garcia
Valley Traffic Division

First of all, I want to remind you that the Christmas party is next month (Dec. 7 at The Sportsmen's Lodge). For those of us who don't want to drive home that night can stay at their hotel for the low price of \$79 (non-pool view). We only have 10-20 rooms blocked with the possibility of getting more. Please call and make reservations before November 30 at (818) 769-4700.

We have a new station fundraiser that would be the perfect gift for that special someone. Even if you're not a coin collector, this challenge coin is very classy. It also makes a great addition for a shadow box. Each coin is \$10 and all proceeds go to the Valley Traffic



Station fund (please see photo). See your station fund representatives and check out their coin. They are **Connie Silber**, **Art Ornelas**, **Norm Kellems**, **Rich Todd**, **Luz Montero**, **Bill Romanelli**, **Joe Montijo**, **Ron Owen**, **Bryce Verna** (MIL-LOA), **Miriam Merrin** and **Arlene Hennessey**. For all you retired folks or prior VTD service officers, call me at (818) 756-8801 and I'll mail you one (shipping and handling charges may apply).

The first annual VTAC golf classic was a great success. Although the final amount of money raised is currently unknown (as of press time), **Jim Panek** and **Roger Archambault** worked really hard putting this event together. I commend you both for all of your effort and hard work.

I had a great time! I also know that I wasn't the only one whose golf balls were bouncing off the trees. I'll give you an update along with some pics next month.

And finally, a fond farewell to **Kathy Schwartz** who was transferred to Transit Rail Division, **Marissa Kessler** who was transferred to Foothill Division, and **Keith Ortiz** who is now employed by Beverly Hills Police.

Good luck to all you motor oral candidates, and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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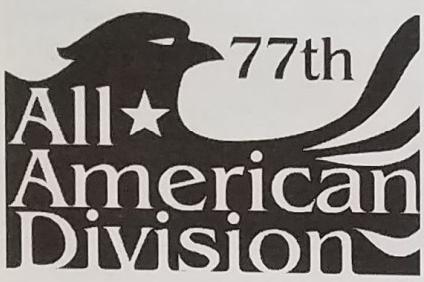
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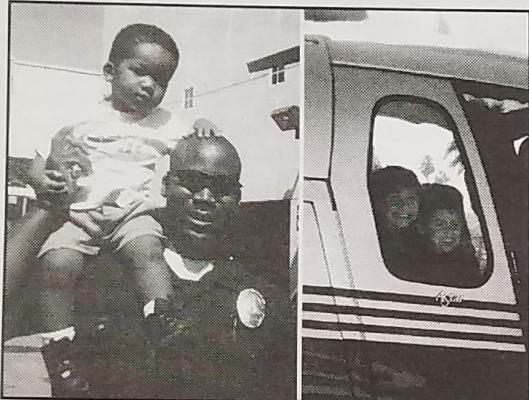
DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Welcome to Our House

On September 28, 2002, 77th Street hosted its annual open house. Various city entities joined us for the festivities and the 77th Street CPAB members barbecue had for the guests. Over 200 community members stopped by to say hi. Special thanks to Air Support, K-9, Dive Unit, EVOC and SWAT for taking time

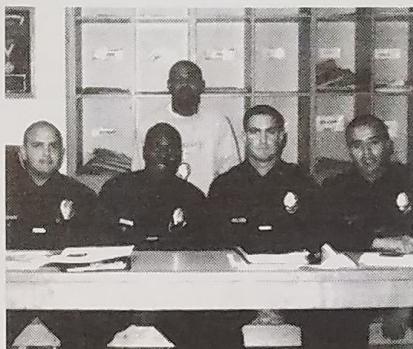


(Left): Justin and Cornel Sandoz; (Right): Alyssa and Richard Baeza.

out of their busy schedules to join us!

Long Time Coming

It has been a long time since 77th Street has seen a ration of probationers come into 77th at any one time. It appears that times are changing. People want to work for the LAPD now and I



"Boots": Chris McPheeters, Rashid Saafir, Kevin Raines and Jose Mendoza; "Boot Sgt.": Curtis McIntyre.

am sure that the PIIIs of this division look forward to earning their keep in becoming training officers once again. At least that is what we hear from Watch (3). They managed to get all four of the boots assigned to their watch. Wow...how lucky are you!

Civilian Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Police Service Representative **Lisa Flenoury** on her recent honor

in being selected as the Civilian Employee of the Year for 2001. Lisa has been with the LAPD for 7-1/2, and has been at 77th Street for over 5-1/2 years. Lisa is currently the commanding officer's adjutant and has worked a variety of assignments while at 77th Street.

Lisa is known for her ability to get things done at the Division, regardless of the task. If you need an answer for something or are in need of something, Lisa can always be counted on to come through for you.

Lisa is involved in the planning of the divisional picnic and Christmas party and is involved in all of the extracurricular activities that boost the morale within 77th Street. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the men and women of 77th Street make her the perfect choice for this honor. Congratulations, ma'am!

Commendable Copper Capers

On September 10, 2002, Officers **Gorgonio Medina** and **Helen Jaramillo**, while handling a 415 man



PSR Lisa Flenoury.

with a knife radio call, quickly had to request help due to the suspect's actions. As the mother fled the residence, the knife-wielding suspect was observed to be in pursuit of his mother attempting to stab her. Officers redeployed several times to create distance and safety and continued to verbalize with the suspect. At no time was the suspect in close proximity to his victim. However, he still needed to be taken into custody. As soon as the suspect realized that he had ample officers deployed with all kinds of ways and means to take him into custody, he chose to be a Code-4 instead of a "use of force." The suspect was booked at 77th Street for ADW and Officers Medina and Jaramillo were commended for their tactics and attention to duty.

On October 2, 2002, Officers **Rich Hurtado** and **Gorgonio Medina** responded to an ambulance shooting at 5016 S. Normandie Avenue. The victim had sustained a gunshot wound to the head and died at the scene. Officer Hurtado completed a crime broadcast and secured the crime scene. In the meantime, another incident, a possible barricaded 459 suspect, was unfolding at 1442 W. 52nd Street. This location was just a few blocks away from the 187 scene. Witnesses were quickly interviewed involving both scenes and it was believed that the 187 suspect was the 459-barricaded suspect. The suspect had been seen running into homes attempting to hide from the officers responding to the 187. The perimeter was set and was searched by K-9. The suspect was found hiding naked under a house on 53rd Street. He was taken into custody without incident.

Nothing but fun here in 77th Street these days! Stay safe and may you and your families have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

DR. YVONNE M. RODRIGUEZ D.D.S.

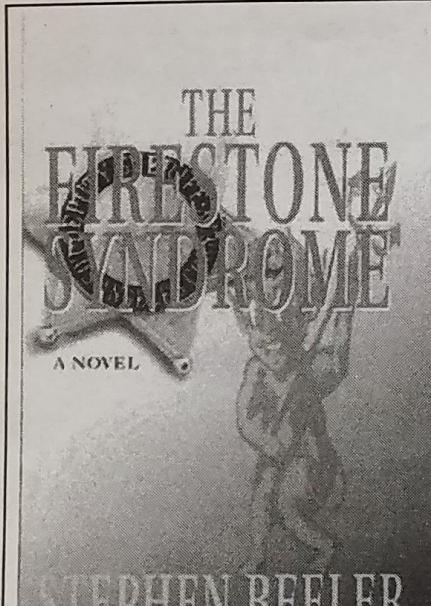


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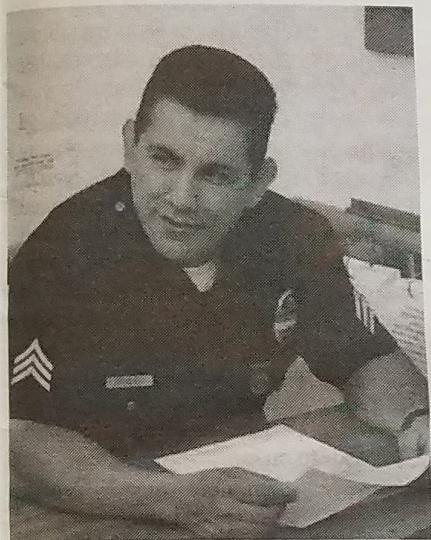
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by Officer Joy Smith
Rampart Division

This is an open invitation to our new Chief, to spend one of his first days with the officers of Rampart Division. Chief Bratton, sir if you do choose to accept the invitation, you will be subject to the hardest working and finest officers that you will be leading. Congratulations on your appointment as the Chief of the finest Department in the country. We look forward to working with you and incorporating your qualities and leadership values.



Sgt. Sanchez as Watch Commander.

Now...it is my understanding that there is a new Mr. Sgt. Rosemary Piazza. His name would be Officer Brent Woodard of Southwest Division. Hum...Officer Woodard you sir are the luckiest chap on the planet! Congrats to

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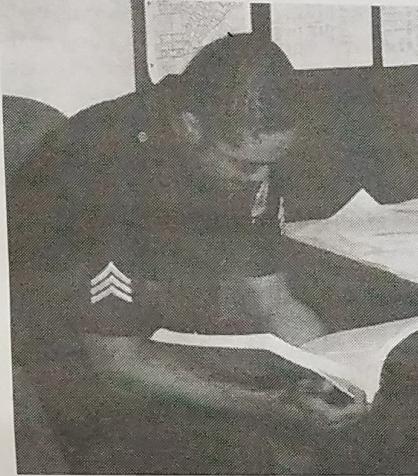
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both and Sgt. "P" I guess we can all change it to Sgt. Woodard. Hey that has a good ring to it.

Congratulations should also go to **Officer Nate Baez** as being named the L.A.P.D. "Male Open Athlete of the Year." Way to go Nate. I guess if you are the athlete of the year then absolutely no suspect will escape your speed and agility in a foot pursuit....Gee Nate I don't ever remember you going in foot pursuit...maybe that was you swimming in Mac Park after the suicide suspect...or was it bike patrol? Anyhow...Nate you are the "Bang for your Buck" Officer for this month. Congratulations, rock on brother, rock on.

The "Kick Butt" arrest, or save for this month goes to Officers **Maraio, Hubert, Campos and Diaz**. According to reports, Officers Maraio and Hubert responded to



Sgt. Clark studying to be Lt. Clark.

a call regarding a suicidal subject who was approximately seventeen years old. The subject's mother advised that the subject had been standing in a bathtub full of water with the radio in hand. The radio was plugged into an electrical outlet and the attempts were to electrocute herself. In addition, the subject had lacerations on her arms and neck. The subject's mother left the bathroom for a split second to call the police and the subject took off. While Maraio and Hubert continued to interview

the family regarding the subject, information was obtained that the subject was involved with a gang member known only as "Elvis." Responding Officers Campos and Diaz received this information and started the search. Campos, was able to identify a location of the residence for "Elvis" due to his knowledge of the basic car area and known gang members. Once at the residence, the suicidal subject was identified and taken into protective custody. Kudos to Officer Campos for his complete knowledge of his basic car and all the "players" in the area. Outstanding job to all for their fortitude to keep up the search.

On September 11, 2002 **Lt. Pena** rallied her troops and with the assistance of her outstanding Sgt.'s they collectively purchased and cooked BBQ for all their troops. Rampart watches four and five where very quiet on the radio, because the food and drinks were flowing. Lt. Pena wanted to thank each and every supervisor and officer that works for her. Your dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed.

Last, but oh so far from being least, there is the "**I can't believe this just happened arrest**." Senior Lead Officer **Kevin Webb**, K-Dub as we all know him, was patrolling in his area, when he observed a small vehicle violation. K-Dub being that outstanding SLO decided to "educate" the driver and complete the traffic stop... so the driver of the vehicle decides to exit the vehicle, and make a run for it. K-Dub sets up a perimeter and Rampart locks the location down with no exits. A vehicle check reveals a C-37 vehicle. Cool a GTA suspect. Of course, no perimeter is com-

plete without "lookie lews." Out come the citizens, lots of them...after a while, K-9 and the entire deal is set. One of those folks which exits her residence, decides she needs to re-enter her home in order to get the beans off the stove, that she had left cooking. Much to her surprise, she was outside of the perimeter and her residence was inside the perimeter. We all know the story...no one in or out...so the young officer holding that side of the perimeter advises her that she cannot re-enter. You know that we officers cannot believe everything we hear...beans or not. Lookie-lew is begging because there are beans, on high, cooking on the stove and she left the door *open and unlocked*, it will only take her a few minutes.... So sorry ma-am you cannot go in. So time goes by and the neighbors see smoke and call the fire department because now the beans are burning. O.K. so we let the fire department in...and inside the apartment what do we find....beans burnt on the stove and low and behold... the GTA suspect attempting to hide in that apartment. Moral of the story is that if there is something on the stove and you just took a car and ran into an apartment that is not yours, in Rampart Division...and the something on the stove begins to burn, turn the stove off. Either way with the help of our newly-promoted firefighters you will be caught. P.S. K-Dub...did you not used to be a firefighter...your cross training proved to be very valuable.

In parting be safe, take care of yourself and your partner...at all times on this job we are all we have. Godspeed. ♦

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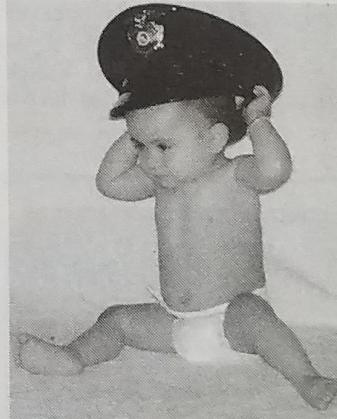
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by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Remembering Sept. 11th

Air Support Division hosted a start of watch memorial service on September 11, 2002. Captain Mike Hillmann invited sworn and civilian personnel to join us at ASD for a service on the flight



Start of Watch Memorial Service at ASD.

deck. The LAPD Honor Guard assisted us with presentation of the colors. Sgt. Philander Butler of West LA Division was kind enough to lead all of us in the singing of patriotic songs including God Bless America. Captain Hillmann called a roll call that included all of the agencies that lost personnel in the attacks of September 11th. It was a moving remembrance to start the day. Thanks to all who participated and attended the service, God Bless America.

Retirement News

On September 20th a retirement party honoring Officer Chuck Perrigey was held at the police academy. Chuck retires having served the LAPD for over 30 years, most of which was at ASD. Chuck's contributions to Air Support Division are endless. He was a key figure in many aspects of what we do at ASD including safety, training, divisional manual, and the Huey cadre. For several years Chuck was the President of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association. Chuck was decorated Marine helicopter pilot in Vietnam and was a Medal of Valor honoree as the pilot over the North

Hollywood Shootout. All of Chuck's daily hard work and dedication will truly be missed by all of us. Thanks Chuck, we wish you the best of luck in your retirement.

ASD Tip of the Month

We are frequently over calls where the Tactical Flight Officer initiates a back up, assistance, or help call based on the information he or she has and what they are observing at the time. The decision to make the above request is based on past experience of being over numerous calls that have gone bad. It also allows all of you to concentrate on the situation at hand while we handle the radio and directing units to you. Many times we make the request in anticipation of what could happen. We will always error on the safe side to keep all of you safe. At

times we have been questioned by officers as to why we initiated a back up when they didn't think they needed one. There is a simple answer to that ques-



Our newest pilots: (L-R) Kris Owen, Instructor Pilot Terry Lincoln and Marco Bolands.

tion, officer safety. We can always put out a code-4 if we see that the situation has stabilized, but we do not want to have a call go very badly and regret not calling for help. Always watch your six. ♦

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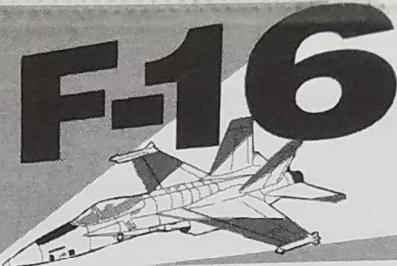
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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On August 15, 2002, Foothill Division sponsored a zero tolerance task force; to enforce traffic violations within the FASTRAC area. The task force focused on the city of Sylmar primarily due to the amount of Part I crimes associated within the area. Violent crimes in the area had increased in the past month. The listed officers assigned to the area carried out this task in an exemplary manner. The task force in conjunction with officers from Valley Traffic Division, OVB Field Enforcement Section, and OVB SEU netted over 498 citations, 81 impounds, 3 narcotic arrests, 4 felony arrests, 4 misd arrests. Foothill CAD conducted a comparison of part one crimes and revealed a reduction in crime by 26% from the previous week.

The listed officers are commended for attention to duty, diligence and effort to enhance public safety: P-3+1 Ted Watson, #24628; P-1+1 Tim Falco, #24326; P-3+1 Jose Torres, #32324; P-2 Arlene Padilla, #33178; Roy Abanawag, #30442; Carlos Torres, #35332; George Olsey, #35274; Carole Davis, #32065; Humberto Najera, #32688; Gloria Coloca, #35755; Corinne Ernst, #35847; Horacio Lopez, #34344; Terrence Dobrosky, #34697; Jessamyn Morales, #32882; Enrique Becerra, #31710; Mariano Garde, #32171; Sam Shepard, #33012; Eric Morimoto, #33265; and Nielson Jatico, #32003.

IOD

Well, Sgt. II Mark Aragon had back surgery and he is doing okay and is back at home. Sgt. Aragon is accepting calls and get well cards. He would like that.

I was at the L.A. County Fair and ran across long-term sick Officer Jennie Posner riding around her electric chair. She looked in good spirits and we caught up on a lot of things, about friends on and off the job. Jennie sends all her love to everyone and please drop her a call or letters. I would like to take my hat off to Mark, Jennie's boyfriend. He helps her with all her needs and cares for her with all his heart. Mark is a true, caring and an honorable man. Jennie is fortunate to have him in her life, and they look very happy together. One thing, Jennie asked me to put more in-and-outs in the paper.

Foothill Detectives

Det. II Rod Rodriguez and Officer Alfonso Munoz on April 30, 2002, at 1845 hours were in the Pacoima area in an attempt to locate a murder suspect. They were in the area of Dronfield Ave. and 118 Freeway when they observed three male blacks in a red Chevy Caprice with spoke wheels. At this time, a radio call came out an ambulance shooting just occurred, "suspect three male blacks, in a candy red Chevy sedan with chrome rims." Officers heard the call and knew it was the same vehicle they had just observed ten minutes earlier. They went back to

the location they observed the vehicle and began to look for it. The officers observed the described vehicle parked at 13033 Corcoran Street with one male black suspect in the vehicle and two standing beside it. The officers requested back up and were able to detain two of the suspects. The third suspect ran to the rear of 13033 Corcoran. One of the residents yelled, "Mike, don't run." When asked who was Mike, the resident stated that was his nephew. The airship was overhead and set up a perimeter. Numerous people slowly exited the residence and were detained. The suspect exited the residence wearing different clothing.

A witness of the shooting was able to identify the suspect's vehicle and was able to identify at least two of the suspects who were involved in the shooting. The two suspects and named suspect were transported to the station for further investigation. Det. Rodriguez and Officer Munoz are to be commended for their dedication, observation skills, tactics, and attention to duty. Due to their diligence, they were able to locate attempted murder suspects minutes after their crime. Outstanding job. Completed by Sgt. Kempston, #30514.

The first ever "Cops United Finding Fugitives (CUFF)" award was given out to police officers with the highest number of parolees arrested within the quarter. The top three officers were from Foothill Area, 1) P-3 Travis Coyle, with nine arrests; 2) P-3 Bobby Royal with eight arrests, P-2 Samuel Shepard with seven arrests. These officers worked closely with detectives and state parole to monitor and track these criminal elements. These arrests helped keep the community safe to live in. Outstanding job, officers. All LAPD divisions are strongly encouraged to submit their hard working officers who are arresting parolees at large to District Administration Assistant Zenaid Hernandez or Northeast District Administrator Michele Woods at 818-255-5013.

Foothill Explorers

On Sept. 12, 2002, the Explorer worked with Metro at the McDonald's



in the City of Industry. They played the part of victims and employees of McDonald's during robberies and hostage situations. Metro officers took care of the Explorers buying the kids pizza for C-7 and all the soda they could drink. This exposed the Explorers to another aspect of law enforcement. ♦



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Happenings

Hello again and welcome to the Devonshire section of the *Blue Line*. I am writing to you from an undisclosed location in the Andes Mountains of South America. As you may have guessed it, a certain officer wasn't too fond of the article I wrote about him, his son, his grandson, and his father-in-law. Capt. Curreri was nice enough to immediately change my long vacation to accommodate my sabbatical (escape) and is allowing me to telecommute from my mountain hideaway. I figure it will take the officer about a month to get over it. In the meantime, I have to eat corn, wheat, and drink water while I suck on oxygen due to the high altitude I am at.

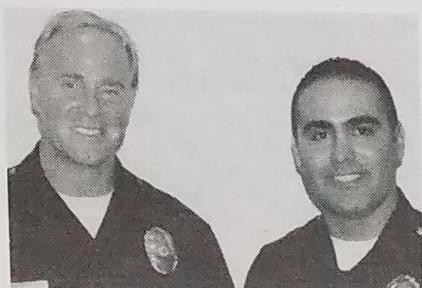
In other news, on Sept. 25, Devonshire hosted a volunteer appreciation gathering at the Greek Orthodox Church located at Balboa Blvd. and Plummer St. It



was our way of showing our appreciation for the countless hours that dedicated Devonshire area citizens donate in order to make a difference. The highlight of the event was the presentation of a plaque from the State Attorney General to our Volunteer Surveillance Team. They received the 2002 California Crime Presentation Award for Partner of the Year. Unlike the VST units of other divisions, Devonshire's is unique. This is due to the fact that they average between 400 and 500 arrests a year because of their proactive and well-organized approach to crime fighting. The 51 citizens that make up the Devonshire VST are the best in the city and their results

prove it. Below is a picture of the citizens that make up the unit.

The team is led by P.O. II Sean Reinhardt, #33691, and P.O. II Edward Ruiz, #32896. Together they coordinate crime fighting strategies and target problem areas where VST can set up an observation post and direct chase cars to apprehend perpetrators of crimes such as GTAs, vandalism, and narcotics sales.



Officers Reinhardt and Ruiz.

It should be noted that Officer Reinhardt and Officer Ruiz work very well as a team and must really like each other. I caught them asking Devonshire's Volunteer Coordinator and official self-proclaimed Divisional photographer, Officer Robert "Sideshow Bob" Lequin, if he could take a picture of them together at the volunteer appreciation gathering. As you guessed it, they will never hear the end of it from me. In the picture above, Officer Reinhardt is

Ron Marbrey, #24139, Sgt. Jim Devito, #25878, Officer Ruben Derma, #17633, and Detective Ted Knott #21093.

Officers Of The Month Honored

While the media swarmed in on North Hollywood Station to welcome our new Chief, the community went to Sportsmen's Lodge to honor our hard-working police officers. The annual PALS banquet was attended by over 300 people, and was an enjoyable afternoon for family and friends. Congratulations to: Michael Lopez #32189, Christopher Dutton #33724, Jay Soares #31695, Art Hernandez #33149, Mike Jensen #17648, Bob Rowedder #26915, Jerry Theaker #16234, Fabiola Alfaro #34255, Anthony Escobar #31218, Miriam Cooper #32730, Juan Fernandez

NoHo news

BY Angie Hougen
North Hollywood

Bill Martin Returns From The Air Force

Welcome back to Bill Martin #35067. After 9-11, Bill was activated by the Air Force. He served for one year. He began at Point Mugu, then served several months in St. Louis, Missouri. There he fought several battles with severe cold,



Hate Crime Alliance Attendees: Sgt Jim Devito, Captain Marbrey, Officer Ruben Derma, Chief Martin Pomeroy, Detective Ted Knott, Detective Maggie Moss.



North Hollywood Officers of the Month (left to right)- Jake Fernandez, Jerry Theaker, Mirian Cooper, Tony Escobar, Bob Rowedder, Mike Jensen, Fabiola Alfaro, Chris Dutton, Michael Lopez, and Jay Soares.

and extreme boredom. Conquering those enemies, he returned to Point Mugu, where they finally released him back to us. We're glad to have you back!

North Hollywood Hosts Hate Crime Alliance Expo

The North Hollywood Music Festival in the Park venue, was the site of the San Fernando Valley Hate Crime Alliance Expo. Hosted by North Hollywood Detective Maggie Moss #23896, the event featured displays, treats for the kids, and information on fighting hate crimes. Detective Moss was helped out by several North Hollywood folks, including Captain

North Hollywood Detective David Millan is congratulated by his wife, and North Hollywood Captains Bruce Crosley, and Ron Marbrey.

#26455, and Scott Tween #31535. Also, congratulations to our Detectives of the Quarter: Jose Esquivel #30163, Lizette Makarenko #31705, David Millan #25655, and Steve Metz #20973.



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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Beat Roundup

by Lew Snow

Last month we wrote about the Anaheim Angels, like the department, being the "Rodney Dangerfields" of their profession. Well, a lot has changed since then for both subjects.

Just as the presses began printing this month's issue the Angels crushed the Minnesota Twins (after humiliating the defending AL champion New York Yankees) to make it to the World Series for the first time in their 41-year history. Angel sluggers jumped on Yankee and Twin pitchers like cops on a box of Krispy Kremes—no mercy and no prisoners. (As we mentioned last month, batten down the hatches and get your affairs in order. The Angels are in the World Series and the Apocalypse is at hand!)

For LAPD it's the start of the Bill Bratton era. At our deadline Mayor Jim Hahn was giving the new chief a multi-day tour of the city, including stops at the Academy and a number of LAPD stations. (Anyone catch the *LA Times* photo of Hahn, Bratton and Chief Pomeroy sitting down to a burger at the Academy Café? Not even Bob Gale can pay for that kind of publicity!)

NYPD, Bratton's last command, has a storied history in police athletics and a strong sports program. Based on that background it's not a leap of faith to assume he appreciates the value a law enforcement athletic program has in camaraderie, fitness, and stress reduction. Chief Bratton gets his first opportunity to experience, first hand, the importance of his newly acquired athletic program at the upcoming Sports Awards Dinner on November 22. An even better reason to attend, don'tcha think?

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Tennis Players To Participate In Exhibition ...

Members of the LAPD tennis program, along with counterparts from other area law enforcement agencies, will participate in a serving exhibition on November 7 at Staples Center. The best tennis players in "real" uniform will show their prowess between the first and second matches at the WTA (Women's Tennis Assn.) Championships — with their serves clocked by a motor officer and his/her trusty radar gun.

LAPRAAC Tennis Coordinator Jim Lavenson was putting the finishing touches on the special "Law Enforcement Day" at our press deadline. Discount admission tickets for LAPD

personnel and their families will be available for those wanting to spend a day at 11th and Fig watching the ladies at play. For ticket information and other details on the event call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800.

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Hoop Season To Get Underway ...

Plans are for the 2002-03 Intradepartmental Basketball season to get underway the first week of November. At our press deadline leagues were still being organized and scheduling was not finalized. It is estimated 30-35 teams will compete this year to capture the Captain Al Nelson Tournament for the department championship.

Up to date game schedules can be obtained by calling the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800.

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Shop The Academy For The Holidays ...

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DODGER GREAT MAURY WILLS TO APPEAR AT SPORTS AWARDS DINNER ON NOV. 22

One of the most prolific base stealers ever to play major league baseball, former Los Angeles Dodger great Maury Wills will be the featured guest at this year's Sports Awards Dinner on Friday, November 22, at the Elysian Park Academy Gymnasium. First held in 1954, the event pays tribute to LAPD athletic best and those who have given 125 percent (and more) in supporting the LAPRAAC athletic program.

Wills was the sparkplug of Dodger teams that dominated baseball from 1959 through the early-70's. He led the majors in stolen bases six consecutive years and broke Ty Cobb's record with 104 steals in 1962. Highlights of his 14-year career include being named MVP in 1962 and Shortstop of the Year in 1970 (at age 39). He was also manager of the Seattle Pilots in 1980-81.

During his "retirement" Wills works with many programs helping children at risk, currently through the Red Ribbon Program. "I am proud to be a role model to children and aspiring athletes. It is my obligation to give back some-



Maury Wills stealing his 104th base in October 1962.

thing to the community that has done so much for me."

In addition to Wills this year's committee (Tony Adler, Debbie Chamberlain, Brenda Crump, Kim Jones-Harris and Agnes Miranda) has a country-western themed evening planned for the 49th annual dinner. The evening begins at 1700 with an open bar attitude adjustment (tended by command staff), dinner starts at 1800 followed by entertainment and presentation of awards.

Pre-sale tickets (\$25 per person — includes open bar, dinner, tax, and tip) are available from the LAPD Athletic Director's office on the ground floor of the Elysian Park Academy (tickets will be \$30 at the door). For more information call Athletic Department Secretary Agnes Miranda at (213) 221-5222 ext. 218/219.

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LAPD Pistol Teams Take Top Spots at NRA Police Nationals

by John Pride

The 41st annual NRA Police Nationals were held September 23-27 at Jackson, Mississippi, and there was plenty of action – including the tail end of a hurricane that dumped rain on the over 400 law enforcement competitors during the third day of competition.

Both department squads, the 2001 world championship LAPRAAC Blue team and LAPD #1, were the favorites to take the team events – between them they had won the last five years in a row. When the rain finally stopped and the smoke cleared both racked up many

Owen and Helen Papietro) won first place in the expert category in the auto event and second place in the revolver.

Members of both teams came home with lots of prize loot from the individual events. John Pride won the service revolver event and was bridesmaid in virtually every other event. Diaz took high woman title for her overall scores during the week – she still beat most of the guys shooting at the Nationals as well (way to go Stef!). Official results will be out in a couple of months and we will be able to give more details of the 37 events including the shotgun event that was fired during this prestigious match.



Members of last year's LAPD Blue Team received their 2001 World Championship jackets at this year's NRA Police Nationals. From left: John Pride, Bob Sneden, Stefanie Diaz, Steve Estrada, and presenter Tom Campbell.

awards and accolades and spent one full day shipping home most of the trophies and awards.

In the Revolver event LAPD #1 (Bob Barnes, Rick Bennett, Lou Salseda and Don Tsunawaki) captured first place overall with the LAPRAAC Blue team (Stefanie Diaz, Steve Estrada, John Pride and Bob Sneden) taking second place honors.

The Blue Team also took second place overall in the semi-auto event. Both teams were edged out (by one point) in each event by the US Border Patrol, which went on to win the World Title while competing against international teams. The Gold two-person team (Brian

Other Blue team members at the match, Dale Hickerson and Rich Rinker, were instrumental in much of the success because of their great coaching and logistical assistance during the marathon of shooting. Other members of the LAPD#1 team at the nationals were George Kevanian, who also did a great job shooting during the week, and Lisa Wernli.

It was an exciting year and the teams are already planning for next year's adventure by going over notes and setting dates for practice and local shooting events. As always, if you are interested in participating in this sport, contact any of the shooters named above.

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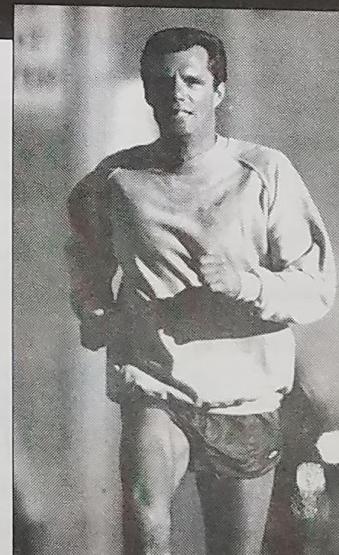
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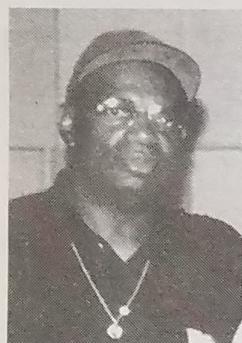
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LAPD Women's Basketball Team REPEAT GOLD IN CPFG

The LAPD Women's Basketball team won the gold medal in the 2002 California Police and Summer Games in Santa Ana. The even scoring and conditioning of the team contributed to their success. Four players averaged in double figures: Brenda Crump (18), Shari Biggs (17), Leslee Rogers (16), and Erika Spence (10). The team scored several fast



Charles Perry.

break points led by the speed and aggressiveness of Marissa Frial. The addition of 3 new players for the 2002 Season, Erika Spence, Tracy Wolfe, and Kim Fairchild, proved to be a virtue. Erika's inside play was took pressure off the former UCLA superstar, Shari Biggs. Erika assisted on controlling the boards and starting the fast break. Tracy, Kim, Sig Lo, Irene Kohler, Siamone

Bangphraxay all contributed with their aggressiveness and rebounding skills. The LAPD Women's Basketball Team defeated 2 Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (SO) teams, Orange County SO., U. S. Customs, and Northern California Combo. Most of the players competed in



Back Row: (L to R) Irene Kohler, Shari Biggs, Erika Spence, Kim Fairchild, Tracy Wolfe, Leslee Rogers; Front Row: (L to R) Brenda Crump, Marissa Frial, Sig Lo, Siamone Bangphraxay.

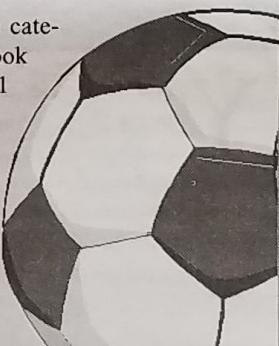
college and are playing at a level much higher than in the past years. It was a great tournament and a total team effort lead by Coach Charles Perry, and Assistant Coach Gary Crump. ♦

LAPD Hosts NorAm Police Soccer Games

Twenty-eight teams representing 71 police agencies faced off at the North American Police Soccer Championships, hosted by LAPD on Sept. 4-7. Over 500 players competed in the four-day tournament, which was held at Balboa Sports Complex in Sepulveda Dam (Valley Bureau). Participants came from as far away as Bermuda, Canada, and from throughout the 50 states.

LAPD was represented by a team in each of the categories: men's, women's and recreational. NYPD took the gold in the men's category NYPD with LAPD #1 finishing third. In the women's category the Northern California Combo squad came in first and LAPD tied for fourth place. In the recreational category saw LAPD #2 finish fourth.

The annual event raised approximately \$10,000 for the Missing and Exploited Children Foundation. ♦



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Men and Women Teams Run at Hana Relay

Two teams comprised of the Department's premier runners competed September 14 at the Hana Relay on the beautiful island of Maui. Sponsored by the Valley Isle Road Runners, the 52-mile run featured 617 curves and 56 bridges while traversing the most breathtaking scenery in all of Maui.

The LAPD Men's and Women's Running Teams are each sent a six-person squad to compete against 114 other teams ranging from law enforcement to business, school to professional, and novice to expert.



Tim Colomey (without shirt) makes his way through the lush countryside. A past winner of the Bob Pullard Comeback of the Year Award, Colomey was recently promoted to sergeant.

After the smoke had cleared the men's team finished fourth in the open category (and fifth overall) with a time of 6:11 (the winning team came in at 5:33) and fifth overall. The women's team came in at 7:15, third in their category and 25th overall. ♦

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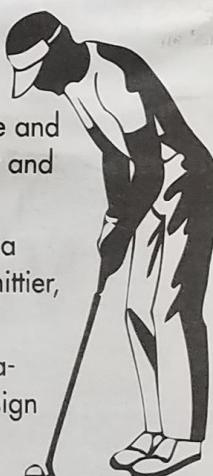
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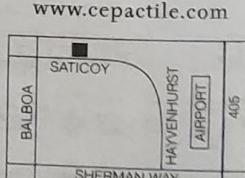
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RETIREMENT NEWS



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LAPD Wine Country BBQ: September 28, 2002

by Bernie Remas

It's over for another year! All of you had your chance! We don't keep track of how many of these barbecues we've had, but then who's counting. I bet **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** can tell you how many they've had up here in Sonoma County's beautiful wine country. That's 'cause they do all the work!!



Judi and Bernie Remas with George Sobota in the middle.

I keep reminding all of you out there...young and old...retired or not. If you don't come to Sonoma for the LAPD Wine Country BBQ, you've missed a premier event!! And to top that off, you miss one of the best one-day LAPD get-togethers all year long. You get to mix and visit with the finest police officers in the entire world, bar none!

The BBQ is over for this year. The pizza appetizers are gone, the steaks and chicken are gone as is the chili beans and salad. All the rolls and ice cream cones are gone, too! All the beer and MOST of the wine is gone. ALL the wine is never gone! All the beautiful raffle prizes with the LAPD wine glasses are gone, too!

And for Ron and Marilyn Kiser who live there, thankfully all the people are gone! Just kidding, but those of you that did come you made the event one of the best ever! Our police charities benefit, too!

But enough of that stuff. You want to hear about all the people that were here and who you missed seeing. Right? There were over 125 guests from all over the West Coast: **Warren & Vicki Wilson**



Ron Kiser and Carl Kuehn handling raffle —(opportunity drawing?)

from Bellingham, WA; **George Sobota** from Nagadoches, TX; **Ron & Louise Baughman** from Oregon; **Stan & Millie McGarry, Earle & Ann Prescott** from Nevada; SABLA members **Jim Byrd, Nate Iannone & Clara Carpenter, Tony & Carolyn Baldassano, Chuck & Mildred Crawford, Hoy Key** with



Carl Kuehn at table with gift baskets on drawing.

Wilma Laycock, Chuck & Lorrie Ward, Al & Vicki Proudfoot, Dennis McDonald, Charlie & Joan Blogin, Carl & Ellie Kuehn (#1 BBQ cleaner), Bob & Priscilla Markussen, Bob & Connie Troutt, George & Harriett

Conroy, myself and wife Judy Remas.

In an exciting finale to the horseshoe tournament, **Tim McAllister** of Everett, WA, PD and **Vince Costa** (aka Pizzaman) were defeated by 2001 champions **Jeff** and **Ron Kiser**, who we accuse of practicing for months in advance.

The potato toss was a hit with many carrying away bottles of



Chuck Ward and wife Lorrie.

wine or a salami—sometimes both! Big winner was **John Krasts** with five bottles of premium wine.

Lots of guests from Southern California: **Ron & Bonnie Ellena, Curtis & Eloise Curtis, Charlie & Ann Sears, John & Lina Robertson** (who arrive early to help and John also barbecues), **Jerry & Gail Boen, Wally & Jackie Nissen, John & Jamie Cook, Richard & Jackie Devlin, Maxine & Roger Williams** (official greeters/ticket sellers/and all time "can't do it without them" couple), **Jon & Karen Turner, Joe Scanlon**.

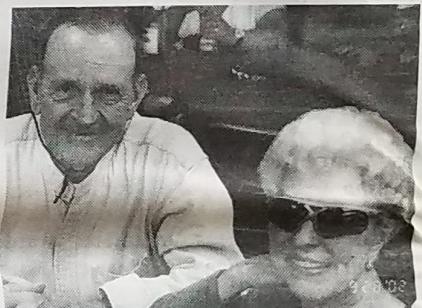
Mike Anisman from Lake County and **Bill Heins** flew down from Red Bluff. Also **Bill & Linda Young** and **Jesse & Mel Givens**. New transplants to Northern California are **Ben & Trudi Rendahl** who were such a big help.

Whole contingent of "working LAPD officers" keep us all young. **Ron & Rhonda Von Gober, Jeff Alley, Sonya Tiefenbacher, Pat Wu, Mike Barker,**

Steve & Carrie Zipperman, George & Melissa Haines and Jeff & Ann Kiser.

We were all treated to a fashion show of a policewoman's uniform (skirt included) from 1948 modeled by Rhonda Von Gober. **Betty Phillips** brought it (she had worn it on the job and boy was she slim) from Vancouver, Washington when she flew down with **Virginia & Al Pickering** on Saturday morning.

The hay ride in the vineyard proved educational and a big success. Most rode

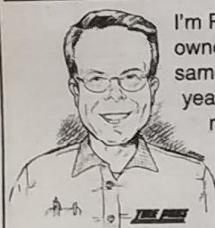


Chick Crawford and wife Millie—he is SABLA President.

on the 1919 Italia truck...number 10 of only 20 made! Some were a little more comfortable on the trailer pulled by a Kubota tractor that followed. Treated to wine tasting and informational talk by Angelo Sangiacomo.

The whole day was just great. Last guests (not the motor home ones) didn't leave until after 10:00 p.m. Great to see old friends chatting, walking through gardens and vineyard and especially checking out the museum and the LAPD memorabilia wall, reading old *Beat* magazines and looking at photos. Weather proved "super" too!

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Inland Northwest Blueline

by Richard Shedd

The 17th Annual Inland LAPD Reunion was a great success on August 31, a beautiful late summer day in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Well, over 100 enjoyed a barbecue dinner at the Coeur d'Alene Elks Club. Our thanks to Jerry Sparks for procuring this venue. Speaking of thanks, a pat on the back to our great team of volunteers: Jan Zorn, Jessica Shedd, Diane Howland, Michella McCall, Sail McCloskey and Chris Arce. Kudos to Rex Shields for running the horseshoe tournament. This year's winners were visiting Coloradoans Ron

Sylvia Trundle, Bob Faulkner and John Puis. Aforementioned Rex Shields, Ken Henderson and Larry Moore of California, Oregonian Bob Griffin and Bob Baker, Bob Jackman and Alex Layton of Washington. Also joining us from the far edges of civilization were Marty and Delores Hernandez of Athol, Idaho. A warm welcome to Al and Nicky Allison who are the newest arrivals, pending the close of escrow.

The festivities ended quickly when Dave Daniel and Tony Radavich grabbed the mike and began their rendition of "Burning Ring of Fire." The pushing and shoving at the exits resulted in near riot.

This year's festivities continued our



HONOREES: 1st Row: Bill Anderson, Werner Kremples, Bob Baker; 2nd Row: John Zorn, Gene McCloskey, Mike Livesey, Ron Layton, Marty Coon, Doug Wilson, Mike Murphy, Bill Lewis, Bud Arce, Richard Shedd; 3rd Row: Jerry Sparks, Larry Moore, Buster Altizer, Robbie Robinson, Bob Griffin, Al Allison, Henry Lane, John Tanner, Steve Hooks, Frank Heckl, John Puis, Larry Clark; 4th Row: Gail Garrett, Bob Jackman, Dianne Reeve, Mike Reeve, Patsy Bogan, Rex Shields, Gill Ivask, Ken Henderson, Bob Hagenbaugh, Pete Clemens, John Weick, Lee Ryan, Sylvia Trundle, John Trundle, Dave Welts, John Preston; 5th Row: Mike Lukasiak, Sherry Peasha, Jim Peasha, Bob Faulkner, Gary Beach, Ed Gossett, Marty Hernandez, Grady Dublin, Ron Kreutz, Steve Kolb, Mo Kolb, Dale Baker, Mike Hrehor, Tim Doran, Wayne Lacy. Not Pictured: Tony Radavich, Carolyn Murphy, Gary Redel, Dave Daniel, Dennis Klein, Kent Setty.

and Patty Kreutz. Jim and Sherry Peasha were runners-up and Henry and Debbie Lane's efforts nailed down the worst toss of the tournament award. Richard and Jessica Shedd were the big raffle prizewinners, landing a golf package provided by Mike Hrehor at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, home of the world famous floating green. As usual Bob and Jean Hagenbaugh hauled off four prizes, followed closely by Kent and Rio Setty. Our thanks to Werner Kremples, Gary Redel, Loretta Robinson, Karen Welts, Kent Setty, Patte Bogan, Chris Arce, Mike Murphy, Rich and Jessica Shedd, and Gene and Gail McCloskey for their donation of raffle prizes.

Thanks also to our out-of-town visitors who included Montanans John and

many years of fun and camaraderie organized down thru the years by Dave Daniel, Carolyn Murphy, Gail Coutts, Ken Setty, Dave Welts, Frank Heckl and Bill Ladner to name a few. The tradition was ably carried on again this year by chairperson Bud Arce, "I'm with the government," Richard Shedd, this year's cross between an iron man and whirling dervish, Gene, "I can get it for you wholesale" McCloskey, the musically and follically challenged Tony Radavich and our bookkeeper, John Zorn. Can you believe the books balanced with him at the helm of the checkbook?

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PENSION COMMISSION NEWS

by Commissioner George V. Aliano
October 2002

Hello colleagues, hope all is well with you.

There are several important issues the Board is addressing. The most important is establishing a new asset allocation that will direct our investments over the next four years. This decision will determine what percentage of our funds will be invested in the various areas of our portfolio, i.e. real estate, bonds, high yield equity, etc. Regarding our fund—how have we fared during the stock market's rather chilling returns? Well, we're still about 109% funded, but that's down from about the 113% of 18 months ago. I believe we will stay healthy and grow again.

Committees are examining and exploring a Board Ethics Policy; providing a modified subsidy to disability pensioners with less than 10 years service, (10 years service is the current law), reducing to age 50 the qualification for a medical subsidy, (which is now age 55); the issuance of a supplemental benefit payment to members should our fund exceed a specific percentage of "over funding." Whether some of these or other issues being discussed take a Charter Change, an Administrative Code change, or take place in MOU negotiations, will determine their level of difficulty in being accepted and passed into law. It's a long process, but one we are determined and committed to follow.

A change has unexpectedly taken place on the Commission: In addition to the three new Commissioners that were recently appointed to the Commission by Mayor Hahn, after

serving nine years Commissioner and President, Gay Harwin, has left the Commission for an appointment to the Department of Water and Power Board. She had been appointed by former Mayor Riordan and re-appointed by Mayor Hahn. She represented our interests to the highest degree and she'll be missed. The Board elected active firefighter member, Mike Carter as President for the following year. Mike just completed a four-year term and won, unopposed, another five-year stint. Mike is knowledgeable in all aspects Commission affairs and we're looking forward to his leadership for the coming year.

The Pension Department Staff continues to give presentations (130+ so far) to over 3000 members to explain the DROP program and Tier 5 and its implications. So far 3000 police and 1200 firefighters have transferred to Tier 5.

I'd like to mention someone who, as a member of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, volunteers his time to attend all of our Commission and committee meetings. Lee Keebler, Vice President of the Retired Association is a retired firefighter and like others in the Retired Association who give of their time to assure you are properly represented. Lee monitors all Pension Commission activities and communicates with the Commissioners on your behalf. It's important for you to know of Lee's involvement and that the importance and concern of the members is his top priority.

Until next time, here's to your health

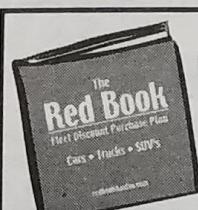
—George ♦

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

Thanksgiving Day, 2002

The holiday season is upon us—once again. If you really start reflecting, there are so many things to be thankful for these days. Once Thanksgiving has passed and the family has returned to their homes, it's time to get those Christmas lights out and see how many old bulbs you've got to replace. Then you can give thanks!

But first, you've got to get rid of that turkey! No! Not that one. You're stuck with that one. I'm talking about the "bird" that will be consumed at Thanksgiving dinner! Someone once told me that instead of corned beef hash for breakfast, make it turkey hash, and get rid of it that way!

For the last few months I have been posing the question—"Where'd everybody go?" Well, they're starting to come back. But don't get too excited. There's still a big gap in our luncheon room. So keep on coming!

But for the September luncheon, we had a good group and saw some people who are still around the Sacramento area.

For starters, there was **Jim Meskan**. The last time that Jim and I had a chat, he was still working. But no more. He says he's finished and doing well. Jim looks good, except he did have a recent

security for the HealthNet medical group. Carl has already stated that they are looking for a replacement for him. Mike? Nope.

But now they come to lunch and bring another HealthNet security guy. Guess who? Another retired LAPDer!! This time it's **Walt Kainz**. Now he works in SoCal as the Manager, and is here helping pick Carl's replacement. Walt retired from LAPD in 1995 from West Valley Division. He got up and gave us a "little speech" about himself, and we thanked him. But he still had to pay for his lunch!!

Bill McMonagle was at lunch, but didn't bring his wife, **Muriel**! We were all surprised to see that Muriel let Bill come by himself. Ho! Ho! They travel as a duo, most of the time! Bill said that she was okay! And he had permission to come to the lunch!

SABLA's Christmas luncheon party is coming up next month, Thursday, December 19, 2002! Put this date on your holiday calendar. It will be at Del Webb's Roseville ballroom. This is a great luncheon with plenty of good food and SABLA always has a Christmas gift for each member! And it's the only event of the year where the cost is subsidized by SABLA! You gals out there, it's your chance to get dressed up a bit and get "him" to do the same. A Christmas no-host bar will be open. That can brighten up your day! C'mon now, get with the



Bob Keel, Wilma Laycock and Hoy Key — "We're having fun! How about you?"

bout with the "shingles." And he said, "I hope I never have that kind of pain, ever again!!" It was good to see Jim again.

And speaking of not being around, does the name **Joe Sandoval** ring a bell? Now this guy has always got something going, and he tells me that he's been active on the Governor's Narcotic Board. But nothing full time anymore. Joe looks great, too! He did say that also on this Narcotic Board is Culver City's Chief of Police, **Ted Cook**, who is remembered here as another one of those LAPDers that continues as a successful leader in another department. Ted! You've been there a long time. I can remember when you wore the LAPD Blue! And that's a long time ago, right??

Now I've mentioned these two ex-LAPD guys several times here recently. But they are great SABLA supporters and are here regularly—**Carl Kuehn** and **Mike Brandt**. Both are still working



Walt Kainz, Mike Brandt and Carl Kuehn — Mike says, "No, I don't have a tie. Can I tie into yours?"

Christmas spirit, and join us! Contact **Hoy Key** at (916) 771-9206.

And now that I've mentioned Hoy, I got to sit at the head table with our new Prez, **Chuck Crawford**, Hoy and his friend, **Wilma Laycock**. Wilma was back from Wisconsin for another visit to Roseville Sun City.

Also from Sun City was **Chuck Blogin** and someone we have not seen too often recently, **Charlie Long**. Charlie has had a "tough" year with illnesses, etc. I told him to come by my place and I would show him how to put on weight! Charlie needs lots of it. Weight, that is! But he was there and you

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

| | | Event Time/ Social | Meal |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|------|
| November 5 | Election Day | | |
| November 6 | Retired Fire & Police Association Membership Meeting @ Grace Simons Lodge | 1000 | |
| November 7 | Metro Golf Tournament @ California CC | 1000 | |
| November 8 | Bill Frio | 1800 | 1930 |
| November 8 | Eagle & Badge Foundation Benefit Concert with Julio Iglesias @ Century Plaza Hotel | | |
| November 12 | SABLA | 1130 | 1200 |
| November 15 | Tony Capistrano Gary Quarton | 1100 | 1200 |
| November 15 | LAPD, LAFD, LASO Fight for Life Boxing Event | 1830 | |
| November 17 | Larry Garcia | 1500 | |
| November 20 | Valley Retired Blues | 1030 | 1200 |
| November 22 | LAPRAAC Sports Awards | 1700 | 1800 |

DECEMBER

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|-------------|--|------|
| December 6 | Narcotic Division Reunion @ Glendale Elks | 1700 |
| December 7 | Frankie Yan | 1800 |
| December 7 | Prescott Area Blue Line Christmas Party | 1800 |
| December 8 | Retired Fire & Police Association Christmas Party @ Sportsmens Lodge | 1100 |
| December 13 | L.A. Police Golf Assn. Tournament at California C.C. | 0800 |
| December 16 | Law Enforcement Fellowship Christmas Dinner | 1800 |
| December 19 | SABLA Christmas Luncheon | 1100 |
| December 19 | Central Coast Fuzz Christmas Luncheon | 1100 |

should have been, too!

Gene DeCrona gave us a recap of our trip to Apple Valley for **Edie Wheeler's** wake and memorial services. A beautiful service it was too. God bless you, Dave. These are "tough" times. Our best to you!

At that same table was **Bob Keel** (he's in the photo with Hoy). Well, Bob has been busy and he and his wife, **Ferna**, have some travel plans for the fall. Don't

much lately, didn't make any commitments to accepting the chief's job. I'm sure he didn't even apply! And Ray could still do a better job than most of those chosen lately!

John Powers was absent. John has been having a tough time here lately. A phone call from you would be appreciated (530-889-1435), or a card to 3421 Cascade Trail, Cool, CA 95614.

Jim Byrd was back for the September lunch. Jim travels the furthest! From Anguin, CA. No, I'm not telling you where. You look it up!

Ron & Marilyn Kiser opened up their place again for another gigantic LAPD picnic and BBQ! If you missed it on September 28th, you'll have to wait for another year, 'cause it just passed you by! That was my last official social function in California this year. We left for Florida the morning after! Ron & Marilyn will have a detailed report and photos for you in this month's *Blue Line* (page 48).

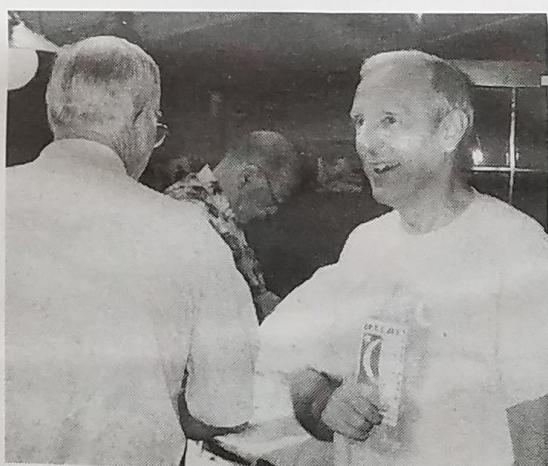
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A final note for now. **Ed Lewandowski** has consented to write the SABLA moments each month for the next six months, while Judy and I are in Florida. We'll be back in Roseville around the middle of April, 2003. See ya!

A reminder to attend the November monthly luncheon at Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 and Zinfandel, November 12, 2002, at 1130 hours.

NOTE: Don't forget the Christmas luncheon next month, Thursday, December 19, 2002, 1100 hours. Call Hoy Key or e-mail for reservations. He needs to hear from you! (916) 771-9206.

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.



Gene De Crona (back to camera), Jim Byrd (in the back) and Jim Meskan — Jim is telling Gene, "Those 'shingles' were a son of a gun!!"



Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings everyone from the beautiful Central Coast. We learned today that L.A. Mayor James Hahn selected William J. Bratton as the new Chief of



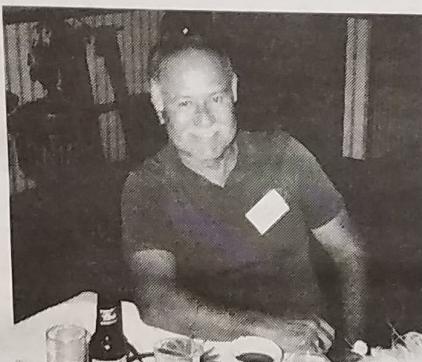
Stella and Paul Mattson.

Police for the Department. We wish him well in dealing with all the complex issues he will be facing as leader of the LAPD. A special thanks to interim Chief **Marty Pomeroy**, who kept the ship going straight with a steady hand at the helm. Our best wishes for a wonderful

retirement to Chief Pomeroy as he heads back to the Big Sky state of Montana.

Last September, our Fuzz group got together for a super time at Rosa's Italian Restaurant in Pismo Beach. It was our annual fundraiser auction, which is always a fun time for all of us. This year was no exception as **Paul Mattson** served as our auctioneer, getting the best prices for the gifts. About 60 of us Fuzz Folks showed up to shout, yell and carry on.

Some of our regulars included **Max & Mary McAlpine**, **Clinton Erickson & Francis Davidson**, **Hal Epling & Helen Coulter**, **Gerd & Nancy Konieczny**, **Lucy Salls**, **Fred & Sharline Tuggey**, **Gil Rivera**, **Ken & Wanda Stiffler**, **Charlie & Priscilla LaFitte**, **Bob & Carole Velek**, **Paul & Barbara Hardy** and **Art & Catherine Hotchkiss**.



Gil Rivera.



(L to R): Steve & Carolyn Henderson and Carole & Bob Velek.

Sammie McHenry, **Patty O'Lear**, & **Mary Sharpnack**, **Walter Boronich** & **Marion Yates** and **Bob & Joanne McSeveney**. **Bob & Marilyn Darnell** not only bid on some items for themselves, but also stood in and bid in absentia for **John Bradbury & Josanna Jackson**, who were attending a family wedding and could not be with us. Nice gesture.

Brian & Cathy Galbraith brought guests **Dave & Mary Gale**. The new folks who joined us included **John Rosa & Evelyn DeStafani**, **Dennis & Benita Offerman**, **Steve & Carolyn Henderson** and **Phil & Louann Toledo**. A special member in attendance was **Corinne Jefferson**, whose husband, **Marty Jefferson**, tragically passed away

earlier this year in Canyon Country. Everyone was pleased to see her join us.

Honorable Mention

There were a few members who were unable to be with us and sent contributions for the Fuzz cause. They included **Tom & Dorie Zwinger**, **Geraldine Auth**, **John & Francis Krasts**, **Cliff & Lorraine DeBernardi**, **Bill & Susanna Selesky**, **Warren & Muriel Sizoo**, and one wonderful couple who requested to remain anonymous. Thanks, folks, for all your support. It was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to **Paul & Stella Mattson** and **Judy Aikins** for all their work in making the event a memorable one.

Our next Fuzz event will be our Christmas luncheon at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, December 19. We will have some nice gifts to give away. All are welcome to join us. For information, contact Paul & Stella Mattson at 805-929-0520 or Dave & Judy Aikins at 805-489-4806.

Recently, Judy and I were honored to attend a retirement party for **PII+6 Chuck Perriguey**, Air Support Division, at the Police Academy. Chuck, a highly decorated Marine helicopter pilot in Vietnam, gave the Department 30 years of dedicated service and was the "go to" guy at ASD. The Division will never be the same without him. We wish Chuck and his lovely wife, **Betty Glen**, a fulfilling retirement.

Hey, our e-mail address is pismoguynal@charter.net. Keep in touch.

Take care, KMA.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on November 20, 2002, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant, located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until 11:00 when lunch orders are taken. Wives and friends are also welcome.

We had 22 members present at the September 18th luncheon. The following were at the luncheon: **John Amott** (16343), **Jim Davis**, (14365), **Emmett Drennon** (3279), **Hilliard** (Curly) Elliott (4534), **Don Erath** (5244), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Morrie Henkin** (5247), **John Kepke** (4603), **Tom Lindholm** (4734), **Lou Mellott** (4037), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Jake Orbus** (5407), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Robert L. Peterson** (16449), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Richard (Dutch) Reynolds** (7815), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Duane (Whitey) Ryburn** (3981), **Arnie Sauro** (6104), **Forest Sloan** (6713), and **Earl Wells** (6297). There was one new attendee this month—John Amott.

Now for information about some of our officers with medical problems. **Joe Berry** (5699), retired I-3 detective from Van Nuys Detectives, has a rare neurological disease (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)). He is completely bedfast, can't talk, eat, or swallow, can't communicate, and shows no recognition or remembrance of anyone from his past except his wife, Randi, and

children. Randi Berry supplied the information via e-mail prior to our meeting at The Lamplighter. **Bill Guldner** (3450) is another Van Nuys detective who had a bad stroke in August, 2001, and another one in April of this year. He has been hospitalized or having therapy in a rehabilitation facility ever since. At the time of this writing (Sept. 30), Bill is back at Tarzana Rehab.

Our annual barbecue on Sunday, October 20th, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Dale Rickard's ranch, is history and those not attending missed a great event. Details will be in next month's column. Attendees to our meetings are now appearing on the LRFPA Web site about a month prior to seeing them in this column.

I would like for any of you retirees that have been associated or worked in any of the Valley divisions that have acquired computers and have e-mail to send me a message so I can put your address in my address book. From time to time I would like to be able to send you information about retirees that may be ill or deaths of ones you may have worked with on the job.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and I hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at The Lamplighter. Our meeting information is also on www.LARFPA.com Web site in case you forget the date or location. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting.

Prescott Area Blue Line

Eighth Annual Xmas Party

Saturday, December 7, 2002, 1800 hours

BPOE Elks Lodge #330

6245 2nd Street, Prescott Valley, AZ

All retired, active and their guests, our annual Christmas party will be held at a new location with a new menu and entertainment. Attendance last year was high so reserve early, by November 23rd. The cost is \$19 per person.

Tickets will be available for our great raffle prizes. Make checks payable to "PBL" and mail to: George Tyree, 6875 No. Harris Drive, Prescott, AZ 86305.

Any questions? Contact:

George and Elsie Tyree: (928) 778-0235

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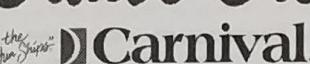
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RETIREMENT NEWS

Coachella Valley Blue Line

by Charlene Reming

On Friday, September 20, 2002, the CV Blue Line kicked off "the season" with a scramble golf tournament and buffet luncheon at Mission Lakes Country Club in Desert Hot Springs hosted by **Sandy & Gary Guthrie**. The Guthries outdid themselves with tee prizes, tournament prizes, and drawing prizes. Golf pro Robert Duncan organized tournament play and announced the winners at the luncheon immediately following a great day of sun, fun and golf! Tee prizes included all the usual golf goodies, plus huge bags of dog and cat food for members with pets and some "girly" stuff like hair spray and makeup. Tournament and drawing prizes included cash, golf clubs, golf bags, restaurant gift certificates, and a day of pampering at Neil's & J. Russell Fashion and Beauty Center on El Paseo in Palm Desert. WOW!

And then there was golf! First place honors with a "63" went to **Pat Anguiano, Jan McGaff, and Doug Nelson**. In second place with a "65" was **Tim Dotson, Jim Miller, Sam Natow, and Bill Rodgers**. Playing on his home course, host Gary Guthrie, along with **Carl Paul, Vivian Rotella and Stan Sherry** scored a "67" putting them in third place.

Winners for "quality shots" included: **Bonnie Elena**, closest to the pin hole #2; **Stan Sherry**, closest to pin hole #4; **Gary Mahaffey**, long drive hole #14; and **Frank Virgallito**, closest to the line hole #13. Winners for "errant shots" were: **Rich Lopez**, closest to cart path hole #8; and **Bill Rogers**, closest to hole in bunker hole #12r #12. And finally, **Mike Moran, Jack Rabinowitz, George Villanobos, and Frank Virgallito**—the foursome with the high score of 81—were each awarded \$10 for having the nerve to turn in their score

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

October has arrived and it still feels like summer. Nights here in the inland gets a little cool. But days are back up to the high eighties or low nineties. I think the whole universe is changing.

Heard from my relatives in Portland, Oregon, and they tell me this is the driest season they have ever had. They have not had any of what you call rain since May. Just a few days of scattered showers. It's not like it used to be when I lived in Oregon—rain, rain, and more rain. Now when we need some rain, we don't get it. Here in California, the guys in the club who live in the desert and have well water tell me some days they don't have any water in the well. Some have pipes that go down 200 feet or more and still very little water. Enough on the weather report.

I can't tell you how the October 9th luncheon with Chief **Daryl Gates** went, because I have to have this notice in by October 6th in order for them to put it in the Nov. 1st *Thin Blue Line*, but I will fill you in with what I have. As of October 3rd, I have had 151 reservations. The Chief says he will be here. The Hemet

Chief of Police asked if he could come, and I gave the okay. He sent in his reservation along with a detective sergeant. Seven of the LAPD retirees that work for the District Attorney's Office in Riverside mailed in their reservation. All of them worked under Gates while he was chief. Had reservations from some of Daryl Gates' classmates. **Wally Tallent** told me he was one of Gates' training officers when Gates first started on patrol.

Dick Brigg is very bad. He is in the hospital at San Gabriel Medical Center. I talked to his son and he tells me that his dad is just skin and bones. He doesn't know his own family he is so bad. I wanted to go visit him and his son advised against it. He says his father cannot last much longer and it's best people remember him as he used to be—always friendly and laughing no matter how sick he was. Dick was a fighter and fought up to them put him in the hospital. Dick was a good friend. We had a lot of fun in the Academy. We were both in the Sirs and Sirens Square Dance Club for five years. We always managed to get in a square together. Dick was president of our graduating class and up until the last. He always managed to bring all of us old classmates

card! Prizes were also awarded to the player who had the most time on the job and spent the most time on morning watch! There was a little something for everyone.

Besides the "winners," other CV Blue Line members playing in the tournament were: **Ken Boden, Marv Cooper, Richard Crostley, Anthony & Lynda Davis, Larry DeLosh, Dave Dorman, Tim Dotson, Al & Sharon Fried, Jim Ladow, Larry Moore, Sandi Palmer, Char Reming, John Rogers, Hal Rowden, Don Stagnaro, Don Vincent, and Doug & Sandy Watson**. Rounding

out the 46-player tournament were guests **Rex Council, Mr. Crist, Don Dapper, Chuck Foote, Gary Mahaffey, David Rowden, and Larry DeCrona**.

Our thanks to the Guthries, Mission Lakes Country Club, and Pro Robert Duncan for the great time! Because of the great turnout, the Guthries have volunteered to host another tournament next September, and may even make this an "annual" event!

Our next scheduled event will be a "dinner/mixer" hosted by Tim and Sue Dotson on Friday, October 25, 2002. ♦

together every five years or so.

Lyle Strand is pretty sick and is having trouble with his shoulder and one eye has almost gone. It is hard for me to see Lyle this way. He was always running here and there. I hope he gets better. Say a prayer for him.

Lloyd Tucker and wife **Dora** sent in their reservations. Both have had a bout with medical problems, but I talked to Lloyd yesterday and he says both are feeling better and will be at the luncheon.

I talked to **Lynn Selby** the other day. He is not doing too well, but those of you that know Lynn know that he will bounce back.

Bob Tucker is in a rest home in Grass Valley. He seems in good spirits, but needs some help that only the rest home can give.

Some of the members have had to drop out due to medical reasons. They can no longer drive this far.

Fred Dubratz had to drop out. Says he can't drive the freeways anymore. Says he don't get very far out of Costa Mesa. Well, Fred, you're welcome any time and we'll see if someone close by can bring you once in a while.

Lou Mellott moved away to be close to his son. He too has a driving problem.

John Hurst and wife have moved up north on the coast. We'll miss them.

Ben Reineke writes me every so often and asks about the club. He too has a driving problem.

Bob Perry called and he cannot make the meeting. It's a long drive and Bob had a quadruple heart bypass and has had nothing but trouble. Talked about his having to have an electric starter to shock his heart every so often. Wish I could write and tell you all about the

new stuff that is coming to the medical world, but I can't. I still read every medical journal I can get my hands on. It is a shame that all us elderly folks cannot have access to all the medical information. I beg, borrow, or st—. I was going to say steal, but that isn't right. All information or medical and anything that helps. I used to take blood pressure medication, but now I don't and my blood pressure is 120/70. I used to take blood thinners for my heart (which the only problem I had was an irregular heartbeat). Now I don't take any heart medication. I read about everything that takes care of it and I take it. I'm an old 85 going on 40. I feel great except for my knees. I'm holding off on having knee replacement. I hope they will come out with an alternative. I read when they may and am waiting. Then I'll be chasing the girls again. I chase them now but I can never catch any. Just give me time.

Well the next meeting and luncheon will be the 2nd Wednesday in January, which is, I believe the 8th of January. Same place, still \$12 per person, and oh yes the club dues will be due. Mail in your \$5 per family. Whether you come to the luncheons or not. We still have to mail out the notices and stamps went up. You can't run a club on a shoestring. I have to buy badges, buy envelopes, stamps, have notices printed, pay the speakers' lunch,

and if he brings a guest we pay for it too. So come January 1st, include the \$5 for the Inland Blue Line when you make out the first of the month bills. Okay? And remember, be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there, and we need you around for a while. And God bless, and oh yes my phone number is 909-925-4491, and yes I'm still going to Laughlin and Vegas when I can. ♦

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Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

Sunday Run Date Changes

Here are a few date changes for our 2002-2003 Old Blue monthly Sunday meetings. We used to schedule them on the first Sunday of the month, at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine from October through March. It was a good opportunity to show off the 15-20 pounds that some of us had put on and which now made your running costume quite a bit tighter than it was last year as was purposely pointed out to you, and with a bit of a sneer in their voices, by your Old Blue teammates. And, of course, by Baker-Vegas race day you seldom had lost any of those second helpings. So next year, just start off with a bigger shirt and see if anyone notices if you "just sort of grew into it."

Anyway, the starting time is still the same, 8:00 a.m., rain or shine, as is the location behind the softball diamond in

back of the Park Ranger's station off of Crystal Springs Road. To reach Crystal Springs Road, take the I-5 to the Griffith Park off-ramp and make a right at the boulevard stop sign. You'll be on Crystal Springs Road now and follow it for about three-quarters of a mile to the Park Ranger's station where you make a right down to the ball field, and you'll see us all getting ready. There'll be runners, coaches, support people, co-captains and hopefully a few new faces.

Now then, the new Sunday meeting days are: Oct. 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 5, Feb. 9 and Mar. 9. The B-V race will be on April 12 & 13 and racing headquarters will be at the Las Vegas Hilton. Old Blue intends to have a hospitality room there and all of our team will emanate from there. Rooms are available at the Hilton for \$99. Their phone number is 702-732-5111 and the code words for a price break are "Baker to Vegas."

Now, as much as I hate to write this, let alone say it, this will be my adios col-

umn from the team. In the little over four years that I have been associated with Old Blue, to say that I had a swell time would be the understatement of the year. It was all fun. I knew quite a few of the guys from years ago, and it was a kick to get away to Nevada for a short vacation every year. It was also fun to enjoy our Sunday post-practice breakfasts at the golf course.

However, I have found out that unlike the famous TV ad, "I can no longer take a lickin' and keep on tickin'." So between my recent change of health status, a few other issues and a part time job to attend to, I am just going to slide quietly out of the scene, enjoy the remarkable amount of candles that have somehow accumulated on my birthday cake and thank the Lord for watching over me. I also want to praise the Lord for the opportunity to associate with the fine ladies and gentlemen who make up the Old Blue running team of retired LAPD officers. Thanx for the memories, the

victories and all of the courtesies shown to me by everyone. I'll never forget them, nor will I forget you, and God bless you one and all.

In closing, I came across these lines from the famous bugle call "Taps." I did not know that it was composed of three stanzas. The author, Civil War General Daniel Butterfield, is buried at West Point. (c/o Orange County Register, 11-27/01)

"Fading light, dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.
Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills,
from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.
Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright.
God is near, do not fear,
Friend, good night."

As General Butterfield so extraordinarily said, "Friend, good night." ♦

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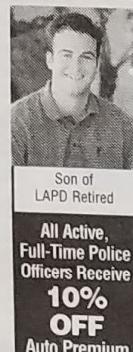


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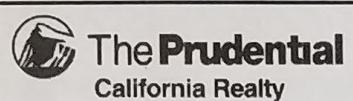
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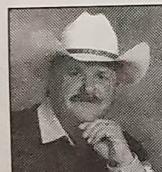


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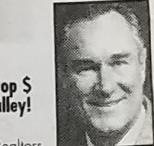
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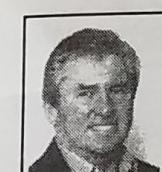
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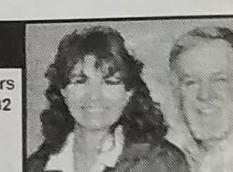
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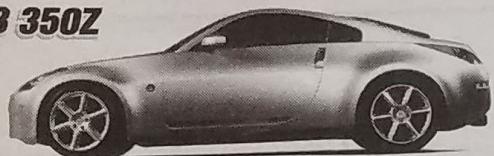
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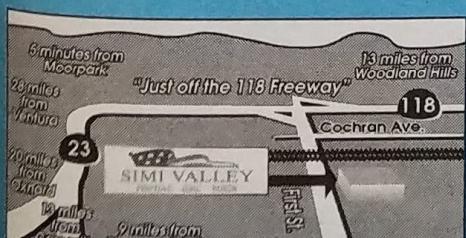
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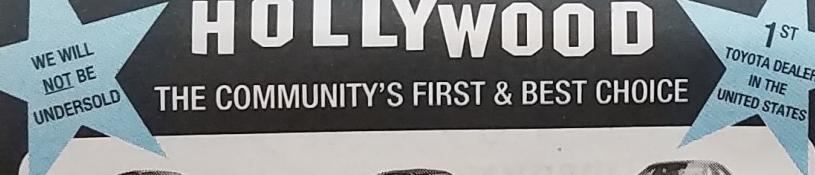
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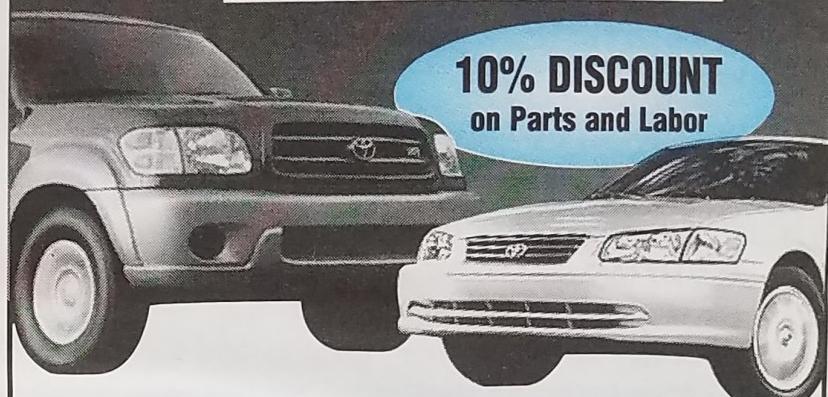
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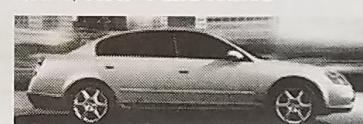
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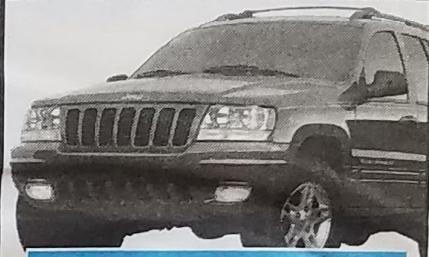
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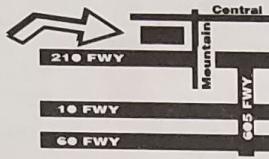
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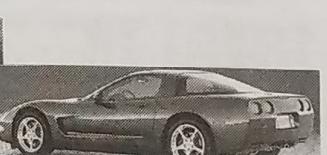
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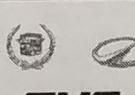
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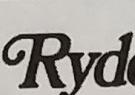
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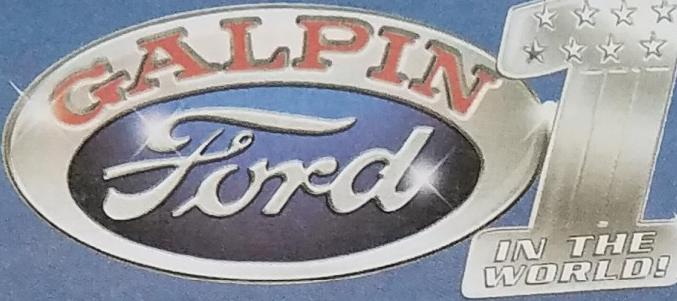
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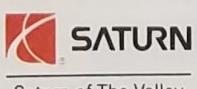


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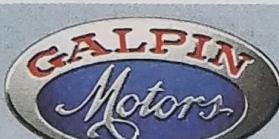
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